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June 20, 1945.

SESSION MINUTES

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church met on Wednesday evening, June 20, 1945, immediately following the Preparatory Service.

Those present were- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Elders- J. R. Dawson, John Guinther, Richard Shubert, John Mifflin, T. L. Bishop, E. W. Jewett, Wm. Campbell.

Those absent were- B. E. Field, Stuart Fleming, W. N. Baxter, W. E. Mack and J. G. Marshall.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Charles C. Berryhill (at Church Service).

The following people presented themselves, desiring membership in this Church, and were regularly received:-

BY LETTER-

Mrs. Dora Ousterhout- South Presbyterian Church, Buffalo, N.Y.

Mrs. Jean Glennie- 1st Congregational Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Mr. John Corbett- Pierce Avenue Presbyterian Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Mrs. John Corbett- Pierce Avenue Presbyterian Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Mr. Edward A. Montgomery- Shadyside Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mrs. Edward A. Montgomery- Shadyside Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

(Marion Elder Montgomery)

BY RESTATEMENT OF FAITH-

Mr. Tibor Gall

Mrs. Tibor Gall

BY CONFESSION-

Miss Loys Glennie

Mrs. Winifred Spencer

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A letter from Lt. Col. John K. Borneman was read for information only.

It was regularly moved and seconded that this meeting be regarded as the last regular session meeting until Fall unless the Pastor and Clerk feel that another meeting should be held in the meantime. Carried.

The meeting was closed, to be resumed preceding the Communion Service Sunday morning, June 24, at 10.45 A.M. Prayer by Mr. Dawson.

June 24, 1945.

The Session reconvened on Sunday morning, June 24, at 10.45 A. M. in preparation for Communion.

Present- Moderator, C. C. Berryhill and Elders J. R. Dawson, John Guinther, Stuart Fleming, Richard Shubert, W. N. Baxter, John Mifflin, T. L. Bishop, B. E. Field, E.W. Jewett and Wm. Campbell.

Absent- Elders W. E. Mack and J. G. Marshall

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill

Miss Ruth Spencer presented herself desiring membership and was regularly accepted.

Rev. Berryhill called attention to the fact that we had been invited to broadcast for services for one month. Rev. Berryhill suggested the month of November, which was approved.

The meeting was adjourned to attend the Communion Service.

J. H. Mifflin

Clerk.

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church met on Monday evening, September 10, at 8.00 o'clock.

Present- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Elders J.R. Dawson, John Guinther, Richard Shubert, W. N. Baxter, John Mifflin, W. E. Mack, T. L. Bishop, B. E. Field, Wm. Campbell, and J. G. Marshall.

Absent- Elders Stuart Fleming and E. W. Jewett.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Charles C. Berryhill. The minutes of the June meetings were read for information only. Wm. Campbell presented the latest News Digest sent out by the Philathea Class.

The painting of various rooms in the church was reported on, and more is still to be done. It was suggested that more color be used in the Sunday School rooms when re-decorating is done. Miss Barbara Smith is to go to college this fall under our sponsorship with the ideal of making the church her life work. After considerable discussion on the subject of ushering- it was moved and seconded that the matter be left to the Pastor, with Mr. Shubert and Mr. Mifflin to present definite recommendations regarding the possible use of younger men in ushering. Carried. World Wide Communion will be observed on Sunday, October 7th. It was suggested that a call be made on all the church membership preceding this Communion, with a card to learn the names of all the family members and a designation of the things they might be interested in in our Church life. It was agreed that such a visitation be made with the assistance of all Elders, past and present.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the regular weekly Wednesday evenings be held throughout the months from October through April, with meetings omitted at the discretion of the Pastor, when too full a program made this course ~~in~~ advisable. A mission to Teachers was approved to be followed by some form of recognition by the Elders, of the teachers of our church school who give so unselfishly of their time to this important church work.

The question of a proper memorial to our boys who have given their lives in this war was discussed, and it was moved that a Committee of three be appointed to consider the advisability of securing such a memorial, this committee to be appointed by the Pastor. Carried. It was suggested that this committee consist of one member of Session, one of the Trustees and one of the Womens' organizations.

It was suggested that a committee of two be appointed to try to sense the desire of the young people from the Service as to the place they might fill in our church organization and to make recommendations at the next Session meeting as to tentative plans for the returning service personnel. Rev. Berryhill asked Mr. Campbell and Mr. Shubert to act on this committee. It was regularly moved and seconded that the Session meet any necessary expense incurred in getting such an organization started. Carried. It was regularly moved and seconded that the Junior sermon be started again on October 14th. Carried.

The question of a bowling night for the men of the church was raised for future consideration, also the question of a reading club for men, to be followed by a discussion meeting after the completion of the reading of each volume.

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The question of placing boards at the front of the church to list the hymns was raised and it was moved and ~~it was moved~~ and seconded that the Pulpit Committee be authorized to secure such boards. Carried.

The question of Evening Services for our church was brought up and was laid on the table for future discussion at our next session meeting.

Reports of Treasurer for June, July and August were approved and the bill of Mrs. Harriet Hastie for office work was approved.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Berryhill.

J. H. Mifflin

J. H. Mifflin, Clerk

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SESSION MINUTES

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church met following the Preparatory Service on Wednesday evening, October 3, 1945.

Present- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Elders J.R. Dawson, John Guinther, Richard Shubert, John Mifflin, T. L. Bishop, E. W. Jewett, Wm. Campbell, J. G. Marshall.

Absent- Stuart Fleming, W. E. Mack, B. E. Field, W. N. Baxter.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

The following persons presented letters desiring membership.

BY LETTER- Mrs. H. A. Norton- Letter from Charlottesville Presbyterian Church, Charlottesville, Virginia.
Pvt. Daniel Hartzog, Letter from the Red Laurel Methodist Church, McKenzie, Alabama.

It was regularly moved and seconded that Mrs. H. A. Norton be received into membership by transfer of her letter as noted above.

Pvt. Daniel Hartzog was accepted, in absentia, by letter from the Red Laurel Methodist Church, McKenzie, Alabama.

A report was made by the Ushering Committee on the progress made. Report was made by Richard Shubert, and was regarded as satisfactory by the Session.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Session support the Philathea Class financially in sending Christmas packages to all those on our Honor Roll who are still in the Service, with the method of obtaining these funds to be left to the Finance Committee of the Session to determine. Carried.

The Pastor recommended that the proposed Sunday evening sessions be held in abeyance until next year.

A brief discussion regarding the present church canvass for the World-Wide Communion on Sunday brought out the fact that it was generally regarded as beneficial. Positive results will be known Sunday.

Mr. Bishop will continue as the representative of the Niagara Frontier Council of the Boy Scouts.

A check in the amount of \$ 10.00 should be drawn to Troop Three, Boy Scouts to defray half the expense of two boys to Camp this past summer in compliance with earlier vote by the Session.

The music committee was directed to have Miss Trott purchase five gowns for organist and choir, and four others, with surplices, for candle lighting service and similar occasions.

Further comment about the choice of hymns, etc. brought out several ideas which are thought to be constructive for securing still better congregational music.

It was regularly moved and seconded that Mr. Taylor of the Westminster Church of Buffalo, be allowed to appear at our next Session meeting for ten minutes in behalf of the Riverside Presbyterian Church.

Several minor repairs were suggested, to be called to the attention of the House Committee of the Trustees.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mr. Dawson to reconvene Sunday morning, October 7, at 10.30 A.M. preceding the Communion Service.

J. H. Mifflin

J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

SESSION MEETING
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1945

The Session met on Sunday morning, preceding the Communion Service, October 7, 1945.

Present- Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Elders J. G. Marshall, B. E. Field, R. C. Shubert, T. L. Bishop, J. H. Mifflin and E. W. Jewett.

It was regularly moved and seconded that Mrs. James Dunn be received by letter from the First Baptist Church of this city. Approved.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Brooks and Mrs. Winifred Tompkins were received into Church membership on confession and reconfession of faith. A motion was made and seconded that they be received. Carried. Elders Fleming, Guinther and Mack were appointed a special committee to work on special recognition of teachers. Approved.

The Finance Committee was asked to handle the details of securing a reconstruction fund which includes previous War Time Service Fund.

The meeting was closed with Benediction at the Communion Service.

J. H. Mifflin

J. H. Mifflin, Clerk

November 5, 1945.

SESSION MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was held on Monday evening, November 5, at 8.00 o'clock, at the church.

Present- Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Elders- J. R. Dawson, John Guinther, W. N. Baxter, John Mifflin, Richard Shubert, W. E. Mack, T. L. Bishop, E. W. Jewett, Wm. Campbell and J. G. Marshall.
Absent- Elders B. E. Field and Stuart Fleming.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

Mr. Taylor of Westminster Church, Buffalo and Mr. Miller were introduced: Mr. Taylor presented his plan for financing the building of a new Church for the Riverside Church of this city.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Marshall reported for the Finance Committee on the raising of the Restoration Fund for our own Church. It was recommended that the Thank Offering of the church be received on November 25 and that the special Thanksgiving offering of Church and Sunday School be included in this collection.

Mr. Mack reported on the plan of the Finance Committee for raising the Pastor's Fund this year. A letter was suggested to be sent to a chosen list and a brief suggestion in the bulletin that subscriptions would be welcomed, the latter to appear for two Sundays. It was regularly moved and seconded and carried that these suggestions be put into effect.

The Finance Committee was empowered to work out any further details of the raising of the Restoration Fund.

The report of the Ushering Committee suggested that the younger men be used as ushers effective as soon as they can be properly trained. The report was approved and will be carried out as soon as possible.

Mr. Jewett reported for the Music Committee, and it was directed that Mrs. George Lumsden be paid \$ 4.00 for her appearance in our Church choir on a recent Sunday. A motion was made and seconded to this effect. Carried. Rev. Berryhill reported on the organization of a choral group which will sing December 9th at the Church Service.

Mr. Shubert reported that the 21-40 Club is being reorganized and will hold its first meeting, a dinner meeting on Sunday evening, November 11, the expense to be paid by the church. Mr. Berryhill will talk and Mr. Macdonald will tell them something of the previous meetings. Programs for a month ahead have been planned.

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Mr. Berryhill reported to the Session action taken by himself, the Clerk of Session and President of the Board of Trustees in inviting the Community Chest to hold its meetings in the Church when the Cataract House burned.

Mr. Berryhill reported that a Committee had been formed to consider the use of the ~~Restoration~~ *Physical Development Reserve* Fund set up in our last church budget.

The Committee to consider a fitting War Memorial was named as Mrs. Morton, Mr. E. W. Jewett and Mr. Newman Gray.

The Committee to devise some method of appreciation for the teachers suggested that the Session be present at the meeting a week from Wednesday evening, November 14th; that some member of the Session express our appreciation of their work, and follow the meeting with some light refreshment. A discussion followed of means of securing closer cooperation between the Session and the Sunday School. The expense of this entertainment to be paid by the Session to the extent of \$ 1.00 each, the balance, if any, to come from the Church Treasury, and Mr. John Guinther and Mr. E. W. Jewett were appointed to act as the committee to arrange details of the meeting on Wednesday evening, November 14. Approved.

The Finance Committee was requested to investigate further and report at a later date on the proposed financing plan for the Riverside Church.

Letters of Dismissal were granted to-

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McIntosh to First Presbyterian Church,
Watertown, N.Y.

Mr. William Duffett to Evangelical Lutheran Church of Akron, Ohio.

The Benevolent Fund report was received and accepted, except that the Session felt that the \$ 30.72, (Soldiers Gift Fund) should be held in the Session Fund for the present.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with prayer.

J. H. Mifflin
Clerk.

SESSION MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was held on Monday evening, December 3, 1945, at the Manse, 162 Buffalo Avenue.

Present- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Elders J.R. Dawson, John Guinther, Richard Shubert, John Mifflin, W. E. Mack, T. L. Bishop, B. E. Field, E. W. Jewett, Wm. Campbell and J. G. Marshall.
Absent- Elders W. N. Baxter and Stuart Fleming.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Charles C. Berryhill.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, corrected and approved.

A Report on the collections for The Restoration Fund was made, showing an overall total of \$ 1087.20 to date.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the balance left from the special fund for entertainment at the reception for teachers, be turned over to the Pastor's Fund. Carried. A report on this meeting showed that it was well worth while.

Mr. Campbell and Mr. Dawson reported on Sunday School activities, and Rev. Berryhill offered a few comments on the Sunday School work.

The Next Communion Service will be held January 6, 1946.

It was suggested that the Trustees be requested to study the question of possibly roping off two back pews for the use of ushers, the placing of coat rods in place of chairs at the back of the Church, and the repair of bell used to notify the janitor of need of starting ventilating fan. It was decided that ushers should be responsible for ventilation of church building.

Mr. Shubert reported for the Twenty One Forty Club. The report showed good meetings to date and a fairly representative group of young people, at least fifty having attended at least one meeting. Five ex-service men attended last night's meeting.

Mr. Walter Mack was appointed to represent the Session at Presbytery meeting at North Presbyterian Church Buffalo, tomorrow December 4, at 1.30 P.M.

Mr. Campbell brought up the question of scheduling of activities for various church or outside organizations, the question being raised because of readjustment scheduled by Girl Scouts.

Mr. Field moved that outside organizations be denied the use of the church property when one of our church organizations has already scheduled the use of the property for their activities for the same period. Seconded and carried.

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CHURCH OFFICERS' TRAINING COURSE: Walter Mack, Wm. Campbell and Everill Jewett were appointed to bring a definite recommendation as to what we should do about this training program, at our next meeting. Mr. Mack is to act as Chairman.

The Treasurer's report and Mrs. McKellips petty cash reports were approved and order should be drawn for reimbursement of Mrs. McKellips.

Rev. Berryhill read portions of a letter from the general boards, suggesting a series of meetings (4) on the theme, "Men and World Mission of the Church." It was suggested that the decision be left to church pastors.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the balance of \$ 30.72 left from the collection for Soldiers' Fund be turned over to the Pastor's Fund.

Letters of dismissal for Cuthbert Snowdon to the Community Church of Douglastown, N.Y. and for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Russell to the First Presbyterian Church, San Jose, California were approved.

The meeting closed with prayer by Mr. Dawson.

J. H. Mifflin
J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

January 2, 1946.

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church met on Wednesday evening, January 2, immediately following the Preparatory Service.

Present- Moderator Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Elders J. R. Dawson, John Guinther, Stuart Fleming, W. N. Baxter, John Mifflin, W. E. Mack, B. E. Field, E. W. Jewett, William Campbell and J. G. Marshall.

Absent- R. C. Shubert and T. L. Bishop.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

The following people presented themselves desiring membership and were regularly received-

BY LETTER- Mr. Henry Davidson- from First Presbyterian Church Londonderry, Ireland.

BY RECONFESSION- Mr. Harry P. Brown
Mrs. Harry P. Brown
Mrs. Mary Evans

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Young People be given any part the minister deems fitting in the Church Service on Sunday morning, January 27th. It was regularly moved and seconded that Mrs. McKellips report be approved and check drawn for amount due her.

The report of the Treasurer was read and approved and the Treasurer was instructed to send \$ 1555.65 to the Restoration Fund as per his suggestion.

The sum of \$ 31.75 from the Gifts for Soldiers Fund was directed to be turned over to the Pastor's Fund.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

J. H. Mifflin
J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

January 6, 1946.

The Session reconvened Sunday morning preceding the Communion Service, January 6, 1946.

Present- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Elders John Guinther, Stuart Fleming, Richard Shubert, W. N. Baxter, John Mifflin, W. E. Mack, T. L. Bishop, B. E. Field, E. W. Jewett, William Campbell and J. G. Marshall.

Absent- Elder J. R. Dawson.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill

The following persons were present and received into the membership of this Church.

By Letter- Mr. and Mrs. Roy B. Suitor, letter from the First Congregational Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
Miss Isabell Garry- Pierce Avenue Presbyterian Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
Mr. Douglass Demmon- letter from the Park Avenue Presbyterian Church, Norfolk, Nebraska.
Miss Elizabeth Wood- letter from the Memorial Christian Church, Appleton, Wis.
Mr. Lucian Crammer- from the First Presbyterian Church, Detroit, Michigan
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Croll- from the Riverside Presbyterian Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Profession of Faith-
 Mr. Bernard Suitor

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH-

Mrs. Douglass Demmon
 Mr. Lowell Ulrich
 Mrs. Lowell Ulrich
 Mrs. Lucian Crammer

The meeting then adjourned to The Communion Service where the new members received the right hand of fellowship, and the service closed with prayer.

J. H. Mifflin
 Clerk of the Session.

January 31, 1946.

A special meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was called on Thursday evening, January 31, at 7.00 o'clock.

Present- Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Elders John Guinther, John Mifflin, W. E. Mack, B. E. Field, E. W. Jewett, Wm. Campbell and J. G. Marshall, J.R.Dawson

Absent- Elders Stuart Fleming, Richard Shubert, Wm. Baxter T. L. Bishop.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C.C.Berryhill.

The budget was presented and explained by Mr. Marshall.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the budget be accepted by the Session for reference to the Church. Carried.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Session recommend to the Trustees that the item for "Physical Development Reserve Fund" be continued this year. Carried.

The minister requested permission to secure a good speaker before our Annual Church meeting to explain details of the annual budget. Such permission was secured by motion duly carried.

It was regularly moved and seconded that a Congregational Meeting be called for Monday, February 18, 1946, to accept the church budgets. Motion carried.

Closed with prayer

J. H. Mifflin
J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PROPOSED BUDGET

APRIL 1, 1946 -- MARCH 31, 1947

OPERATING FUND

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS-

Plate Collections -----	\$ 2,000.00
Dividends -----	375.00
Necessary to raise by subscription -----	19,475.00
	\$ 21,850.00

ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS-

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT RESERVE FUND ----- \$ 1000.00

PROPERTY OPERATION-

Janitor's Salary -----	\$ 1680.00	
Additional Janitor's help -----	120.00	
Gas -----	50.00	
Electricity -----	375.00	
Water -----	30.00	
Coal -----	1000.00	
House supplies -----	150.00	3405.00

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE-

Care of organ and fixtures -----	175.00	
Repairs to Building and Pianos ---	2000.00	
Repairs to Manse -----	500.00	
Kitchen Equipment -----	200.00	
Insurance -----	500.00	3375.00

OFFICE-

Treasurer -----	1080.00	
Telephone -----	150.00	
Postage -----	325.00	
Office supplies, including stationery -----	175.00	
Petty Cash -----	50.00	
Office Equipment -----	150.00	
Bulletins -----	200.00	
Other Printing -----	100.00	2230.00

SPECIAL ITEMS-

Presbytery Tax, Budget "A" -----	275.00	
Minister's Pension Premium -----	480.00	
Duplex Envelopes -----	70.00	
Other Church supplies -----	120.00	
General Church Activities -----	100.00	
Young People's Work -----	100.00	
Flowers -----	100.00	
Advertising -----	50.00	
Contingencies -----	150.00	
Laundry -----	40.00	1485.00

Carried forward ----- \$ 11,495.00

FEBRUARY 4, 1946.

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church held its regular meeting on Monday evening, February 4, at 8.00 o'clock.

Present- Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Elders J. R. Dawson, John Guinther, Richard Shubert, John Mifflin, W. E. Mack, B. E. Field, E. W. Jewett, Wm. Campbell and J. G. Marshall.

Absent- Stuart Fleming, W. N. Baxter, T. L. Bishop.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

The minutes of three previous meetings were read and approved.

Mr. Marshall reported for the Finance Committee and it was regularly moved and seconded that the recommended change in Operating budget controlled by the Session be approved. Carried.

Mr. Field suggested that the salaries of the choir be increased as per a recommended schedule. Motion approved.

Scale- Mr. Brown- \$ 7.00 per Sunday- Mrs. Burnett, Miss deLaine and Mr. Linn- \$ 6.00 per Sunday.

The Music Committee and the Pulpit Committee were directed to give some thought to the provision of substitutes in emergencies for the organist and the pastor.

Requests for use of our church organ for practice are to be referred to the music committee for action or further report to the Session.

Mr. Field reported on the Restoration Fund that the Committee suggests that the campaign be conducted in May. It was suggested that the present committee continue with any additional help required. The Committee consists of Milton J. LeRoy, Burnham E. Field, Dr. A. M. Rooker, George A. McLaren and Howard Morrill.

A request was received from the city committee on "Week Day Education" for the sum of \$ 25.00 for promotion activities. Mr. Jewett was directed to instruct Mr. McLaren to draw a check for the required amount from funds already available.

It was moved that the Session sponsor the securing of subscriptions to our new church magazine, "Presbyterian Life" in connection with the annual church canvass. The motion was seconded and carried.

The Clerk was instructed that he should notify the Elders that they should be present each Sunday morning to welcome visitors and members.

REGULAR MEETING

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previous page.

Rev. Berryhill reported that the Religious Fellowship will hold a Communion Service in our Church on Ash Wednesday, March 6, 1946.

Rev. Berryhill asked for opinions regarding a service for returning veterans on some Sunday morning for recognition of these people. The idea was approved.

It was suggested that the returning veterans be invited as guests of the Church to the March meeting of the Laymen's Association. Motion was made and carried that this be done if arrangements could be made.

It was suggested that in the absence of the chairman of a committee the man whose name appears next on the list should act as temporary chairman of any such committee.

It was regularly moved and seconded that our church be that in which the regular Holy Week Noon Day Services be held and that our own Preparatory Service be held on Wednesday evening of Holy Week and the Communion Service on Thursday evening of that week. Carried.

The pastor suggested that Mr. William Campbell be continued as Youth Budget Director for another year. Motion was moved, seconded and carried.

The pastor reported briefly on the amount collected and spent by the Pastor's Fund to date.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mr. Marshall.

J. H. Mifflin

J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

FEBRUARY 18, 1946.

JOINT MEETING OF SESSION AND TRUSTEES

A Joint Meeting of the Session and Trustees was held on Monday evening, February 18, just preceding the Congregational Meeting.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

Present- Rev. Berryhill, Wm. Campbell, J. G. Marshall, J. H. Mifflin, Newman Gray, Mrs. Andrew Gailey, John Guinther, Geo. A. McLaren, H. P. Freeman, Burnham Field, Charles Stroup, Mark Templeton, Everell Jewett, John Mollison, C. J. Elderfield, Stuart Fleming and E. R. Werner.

After discussion, it was regularly moved and seconded that Mr. Colin Macdonald be given access to the church records with the purpose of collecting them, getting them in good condition and reporting on the proposed method of preservation at the annual meeting of the church. Carried.

Discussion on the proposed budget brought forth few questions. The Operating Budget, Benevolent Budget and Youth Budget were all unanimously approved for recommendation in the congregational meeting as the approved budgets for the coming year.

It was suggested that Mr. Freeman ask approval of the congregation for the Every Member Enrollment chairman as selected.

It was suggested that J. H. Mifflin report to the congregation that Mr. Wm. Campbell be recommended as Youth Budget Director for the ensuing year.

The pastor suggested a new system of receiving and accepting pledges Sunday, March 10, 1946, with the Session and Trustees taking part in the ceremony.

The meeting then adjourned to the congregational meeting.

J. H. Mifflin (W3M)
J. H. Mifflin, Clerk of Session.

MEETING OF CHURCH AND CONGREGATION

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING- There will be a meeting of the Church and congregation of the First Presbyterian Society of Niagara on Monday evening, February 18, 1946, at 8.00 o'clock, in the Chapel, for the purpose of considering and adopting the budgets for the year, April 1, 1946 to March 31, 1947.

J. H. Mifflin, Clerk of the
Session.

H. P. Freeman, President of the
Board of Trustees.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

Mr. H. P. Freeman was nominated and unanimously elected as chairman of the meeting.

A motion was regularly moved and seconded that the Operating budget as presented by Session and Trustees be approved. The motion to approve budget was unanimously carried.

A motion was regularly made and seconded that the proposed budget of the Benevolent Fund be approved. The motion to approve the budget as proposed for the Benevolent Fund was unanimously approved.

A Motion was regularly moved and seconded that the Youth Budget as presented by Session and Trustees be approved. Motion to approve the Youth Budget as presented by the Session was unanimously approved.

Congregational approval of the reappointment of Mr. Wm. Campbell as Director of the Youth Budget for the ensuing year was unanimously accorded.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the action of the Trustees in appointing Mr. Keith Demmon as Director of the Every Member Enrollment this year be approved. Carried.

Mr. Demmon made a few remarks about the plans so far developed for the carrying on of the canvass this year. A dinner meeting will be held on Thursday evening, March 7, at which some further plans will be presented. The canvass will be conducted on March 10, 1946, after a buffet luncheon after Church on that Sunday. It was hoped that a maximum number of pledges be received on Sunday morning, or previously, and that a canvass be made of those who have not previously pledged, hoping the number will not be too numerous.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Berryhill.

J. H. Mifflin (WPM)
J. H. Mifflin, Clerk of
Session.

SESSION MEETING
MARCH 4, 1946.

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church held its regular meeting on Monday evening, March 4, at 8.00 o'clock. Present- Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Elders J. R. Dawson, John Guinther, Richard Shubert, John Mifflin, T. L. Bishop, B. E. Field, Wm. Campbell, J. G. Marshall. Absent- Stuart Fleming, W. N. Baxter, W. E. Mack.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Marshall.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

It was suggested that Elders meet the returned veterans who will attend the Laymen's dinner as guests of the Church and see that they meet other people, as well as have some one to sit with.

The Expansion Fund has been fully raised to date, according to the report of the Church Treasurer.

It was decided that sufficient cups be ready for the Communion Service on Ash Wednesday evening.

The Sunday School Committee reported that the Youth Budget is being prepared and a short discussion will be given on the Youth Budget at the Thursday night pre-canvass meeting. The Nominating Committee for the new Sunday Schools officers has Mr. Richard Shubert as Chairman, together with the representatives of the Sunday School.

It was moved and seconded that the recommendations of the Sunday School Committee for officers have the approval of the Session. Carried.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Session approve of a dinner by the Ushers' Group on March 19th. Carried.

March 4, con.

The Treasurer's report for February was read and approved.

The Finance Committee was authorized to decide on disposition of any funds left in the Benevolent Fund at the expiration of the Church year, with the Session favoring the use of the money for the Restoration Fund. Motion was moved, seconded and carried that this be done.

Rev. Berryhill reported that the Night Club has now abandoned the idea of securing quarters across from the church and that a more reputable outfit has plans for utilizing the building in question.

It was moved and seconded that a general church social evening be held shortly after Easter, with the minister designating a committee of Session to sponsor the event. Carried.

The Pastor explained his plans for the dedication service be held next Sunday morning in connection with the Every Member Enrollment. The Clerk was asked to arrange a satisfactory grouping of Elders for the ceremony.

The Pastor discussed plans for Wednesday evening meetings.

The Pastor reported on those who are ill and reviewed their conditions for us.

It was regularly moved and seconded that a survey should be made of the work and duties of the Secretary, Treasurer, and Janitor be made and further report be made to Session on this work, the committee to be appointed by the Pastor. Carried.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

J. H. Mifflin

J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

April 1, 1946.

The regular meeting of the Session was held on Monday evening, April 1, 1946, at 8.00 o'clock.

Present- Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Elders J. R. Dawson, John Guinther, Stuart Fleming, Richard Shubert, John Mifflin, T. L. Bishop, B. E. Field, E. W. Jewett, Wm. Campbell and J. G. Marshall.

Absent- Elders W. N. Baxter and W. E. Mack.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The clerk reported briefly on the Ushers' dinner.

The pastor reported on the number of veterans who attended the last Laymen's dinner and thought the affair very successful.

Wm. Campbell reported on the Sunday School attendance and the year in general, reporting approximately a 10 % increase in attendance, with a successful year financially.

Mr. Shubert reported on the nominations for Sunday School officers, many of which are definite, others not fully decided as yet. He discussed future plans for the Sunday School, with the expressed hope that we would much increase it. It was requested that permission be granted to have the Sunday School officers succeed themselves this year where this seems advisable. Permission was granted.

The question of holding a Church and Sunday School joint ^{Picnic} service was raised. The Sunday School committee was asked to make tentative arrangements for a date and place, probably a reservation of a date at Hyde Park.

In regards to next Communion, Session is asked to meet with the young people at 10.30 on Palm Sunday morning.

Mr. Jewett reported briefly for the Music Committee.

Mr. Berryhill reported on the Pastor's Fund. Total receipts \$ 484.02; dispersed \$ 59.38, balance \$ 424.14 .

Mr. Berryhill suggested the first Sunday in May as the date of Ordination and Installation of new officers, date May 5, 1946.

For the annual meeting, it was recommended that all reports be briefed as well as possible and that all groups be contacted to help secure a good attendance for the meeting.

April 1, 1946, continued

Reports of the Treasurer on Church Benevolent Fund and Restoration Fund were read and approved.

Mrs. McKellips report was received and filed and the Treasurer was instructed to make balance up to \$ 10.00 .

The question of a delegate to Presbytery on April 9 was left to the Clerk and Mr. Campbell to try to secure.

It was regularly moved and seconded and carried that the name of Walter Mack be presented as a delegate from our Church to the annual meeting of the Church General Assembly at Atlantic City May 22-May 30th, 1946.

It was moved and seconded that the Session suggest to the Annual meeting that the Trustees appoint some one as director of the annual canvass not later than December of previous year and that Elders appoint a director of the Youth Budget subject to approval of the congregation. Carried.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mr. J. G. Marshall.

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J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

April 1, 1944, continued

Reports of the Treasurer on March 24, 1944, and
Restoration Fund were read and approved.

Mrs. Mabel's report was read and filed and the Treasurer
was instructed to send balance up to \$10.00.

The question of a delegate to the meeting on April 2 was left
to the Clerk and Mr. Campbell to try to secure.

It was very busy and several minutes were spent in the room
of Walter Mack as presented as a delegate to the meeting in
the annual meeting of the United States Association at
Atlantic City May 22-24, 1944.

It was moved and seconded that the Session be moved to the
annual meeting of the United States Association and an election
of the annual officers and later than members of previous
year and 1944. It was moved and seconded that the United States
subject to approval of the association. Carried.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mr. J. O. Marshall.

J. H. Marshall
J. H. Marshall, Secy.

ANNUAL MEETING
APRIL 8, 1946

The Annual Meeting of the First Presbyterian Society of Niagara was called to order by Rev. C. C. Berryhill, April 8, 1946. The polls were declared open at 7.35 P.M. After a prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill, a hymn was sung, "What a Friend we have in Jesus."

Mr. Mifflin, Clerk of the Session, being unable to be present during the entire meeting, Mrs. H. P. Freeman was regularly voted Secretary of the meeting.

Upon motion of Mr. Mifflin, seconded by Mr. Guinther, Mr. Milton J. LeRoy was elected chairman of the meeting.

Rev. C. C. Berryhill stated that this meeting comprised both the congregational and corporation meetings, and suggested that at some future date some consideration be given this matter.

The minutes of the 1945 Annual Meeting were read and approved.

Mr. B. E. Field, chairman of the nominating committee reported that they had chosen for each Board, two experienced members and two new members and presented the following names:-

For the Session- Mr. Keith Demmon, Mr. C. J. Elderfield, Mr. E. A. Montgomery and Dr. R. C. Snowdon.
For the Trustees- Mr. George Bramann, Mr. A. J. Flagg, Mr. Robert J. Moore and Mr. Frederick C. Snowdon.

Nominations from floor were called for; there were none.

The Financial reports were given as follows-

- 1- Operating Fund, Mr. John Mollison.
- 2- Benevolent Fund, Mr. John Guinther; also the Restoration Fund, with further explanation by Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Mr. Milton J. LeRoy.
- 3- Assets and Liabilities- Mr. Mollison reported for Mr. H.E. Morrill.
- 4- Youth Budget- Mr. William Campbell, who explained that through the use of envelopes, contributions had exceeded amount expected.

It was moved by Mr. John Mifflin and seconded by Mr. William Campbell that the Financial reports be accepted as read. Carried.

Mr. Berryhill referred to the report on Trust Funds and suggested bringing before the congregation the names of persons who have remembered the church through the establishment of Trust Funds- this to be perhaps done at Easter time by printing such names and amounts in the Easter bulletin.

It was moved by Mr. John Guinther and seconded by Mr. George Bramann that there be a committee consisting on Mr. Berryhill

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and one Elder and one Trustee to be selected by Mr. Berryhill to decide action to be taken on publishing the names and amounts of Endowments in the Easter bulletin. Carried.

A report of the Sunday School was given by the Superintendent, Mr. J. R. Dawson, showing increased attendance in each department over the previous year.

Mr. Milton J. LeRoy promoted discussion concerning the action taken one year ago toward having uniform annual report forms.

Organization reports were given as follows-

Philathea Class, read by the Secretary.

Women's Church and Missionary Society, read by Miss Clara Still

Westminster Guild- Treasurer's report by Miss Glenna

Mae Stewart.

Younger Married Couples' Club- report by Mr. John Shaw.

Young People's Society- read by Mrs. McKellips

Ushers- Mr. LaVerne Magee reported a new group of younger men permanently organized to serve the church regularly.

Sea Scouts- In U.S.A. Service.

Boy Schouts- by Mr. Richard Fountain.

Mr. Milton J. LeRoy reported for the Committee on PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT- that had been appointed in accordance with a motion made at the last meeting. This report makes specific recommendations for improving the church facilities.

Rev. C. C. Berryhill reported on the Pastors activities as follows-

Additions -

By letter -----18

Profession of Faith- 4

Reaffirmation " 12

Total ----- 34

Losses-

By death ----- 9

Dismissal ----- 32

Total ----- 41

Present Membership ----- 1187

Baptisms-

Infants ----- 26

Adults ----- 1

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A motion was regularly moved and seconded that the Polls be closed (9.10 P.M.) Carried.

The Secretary was instructed by motion regularly moved, seconded and carried, to cast one ballot for the nominees for Session and Trustees and as previously read, and officers were declared elected.

Rev. C. C. Berryhill announced that Sunday, May 5, 1936 had been designated by the Session for the Ordination and Installation of the new church officers.

Mr. Colin Macdonald reported having worked at collecting and preserving valuable church papers and records and asked the approval of the congregation on his continuing in this work. Such a motion was regularly moved and carried.

The following nominations were made for members of the 1947 Nominating Committee.

From the Session- Mr. Walter Mack
Mr. J. Stuart Fleming
From the Trustees- Mrs. A. J. Gailey
Mr. Fred Hill
From the Congregation-
Mrs. A. M. Rooker

It was moved seconded and carried that nominations be closed, and the above committee was regularly elected.

Mr. J. R. Dawson moved that the Director of the Youth Budget be appointed by the Session, and the Director of the Every Member Enrollment by the Trustees not later than December. Motion was seconded and Carried.

It was moved by Mr. George Bramann that the recommendations of the Physical Development Committee be approved, and that the committee be empowered to consult with a church architect. Seconded and Carried.

Mr. William Campbell moved that a vote of thanks and encouragement be given Rev. C. C. Berryhill for his untiring efforts and inspiration to the congregation during the past year. Seconded and carried by a rising vote.

The minutes of the meeting were read and approved.

A motion for adjournment was regularly moved and carried, and the meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

Florence A. Freeman (Carmy)
Florence A. Freeman, Secretary
of the Annual Meeting.

April 14, 1946.

A special meeting of the Session was held on Sunday morning, April 14, at 10.30 A.M. to meet the class of young people who have been preparing for church membership at the coming Easter Communion.

Present- Moderator, C. C. Berryhill and Elders J. R. Dawson, John Mifflin, W. E. Mack, T. L. Bishop, B. E. Field, Wm. Campbell.

Absent- Elders John Guinther, Stuart Fleming, Richard Shubert, W. N. Baxter, E. W. Jewett and J. G. Marshall.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

The following young people presented themselves desiring membership and were regularly received-

Paul Chaddock
Joan Christie
Rosa Dial
Shirley Ellis
Susan Faill
David Holt (to be Baptised)
Yvonne Hayes
Veryl Johnson

David Kruger
Noel Lankton
Lorraine McElroy
David McGregor
Ray Pike
Joan Ross
Marjorie Smith
Shirley Smith

The meeting was adjourned with prayer .

J. H. Mifflin (Clerk)
J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING

April 17, 1946.

A special meeting of the Session was held on Wednesday evening, following the Preparatory Service, April 17, 1946.

Present- Moderator Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Elders J. R. Dawson, Stuart Fleming, Richard Shubert, John Mifflin, W.E. Mack and B. E. Field, Dr. R.C. Snowdon.

Absent- John Guinther, T. L. Bishop, E. W. Jewett and J.G. Marshall.

The meeting was opened with prayer at the Church Service.

The following people were received into the church by letter.
(see next page)

Mr. and Mrs. H. Frederick Wendt- Plymouth Congregational Church
 Utica, New York.
 Mrs. Elizabeth Newton- Free Methodist Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
 Mr. and Mrs. James McGregor- 1st United Presbyterian Church
 Buffalo, N.Y.
 Mrs. Joseph Wright- Presbyterian Church, Youngstown, N.Y.
 Mrs. Mava Webb Hazelton- 2nd Presbyterian Church, Amsterdam, N.Y.
 Mrs. George Dresser- Central Presbyterian Church, Buffalo, N.Y.
 It was regularly moved and seconded that above be received. Carried.

BY CONFESSION

Miss Marie Hallman
 Mrs. Elizabeth Cornish
 Mrs. James Connor
 Mr. Richard Hazelton
 Mr. Lewis Smith (Baptism)

REAFFIRMATION

Mr. Lloyd Taylor

It was regularly moved and seconded that all be received on confession or reaffirmation of faith. Carried.

The meeting adjourned to meet at 7.20 Thursday evening, April 18th

Rev. Berryhill asked that he be permitted to exchange pulpits with some Canadian Church on May 19th. Granted.

The meeting was closed with benediction by Rec. C. C. Berryhill.

J. H. Mifflin (WEM)
 J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.
April 18, 1946.

The Session met just preceding the Communion Service on Thursday evening, April 18, 1946.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

Present- Moderator Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Elders J. R. Dawson, John Guinther, Richard Shubert, John Mifflin, W. E. Mack, T. L. Bishop, B. E. Field and E. W. Jewett.

Absent- Elders Stuart Fleming, W. N. Baxter, Wm. Campbell and J. G. Marshall.

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Upon motion regular moved and carried, the following were received into the Church by letter-

Mrs. Eleanor Rose Poorman- First Presbyterian Church, Staten Island, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Cosens- North Presbyterian Church, Tonawanda, N.Y.

The following were received by reaffirmation of Faith-

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Lankton

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Reeves

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Brunn

The following person was received upon confession of Faith-

Mr. William Lee

It was regularly that all those mentioned above be received into membership as indicated.

OTHERS RECEIVED BY LETTER-

Mrs. James Lorms- First Presbyterian Church, Chester, Va.

Mr. James Lorms- First Presbyterian Church, Lockport, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Leland Stewart- First Presbyterian Church, Charlestown, W. Va.

The additional names were also duly received by motion regularly moved and carried.

The meeting then adjourned to Communion Service, and was closed by the benediction by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

J. H. Mifflin
J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

SUMMARY OF MEMBER RECEIVED AT EASTER COMMUNION- APRIL 18, 1946.

BY LETTER ----- 15

BY CONFESSION--- 20 (20)

BAPTISM ----- 2

REAFFIRMATION--- 7

Total ----- 44

May 6, 1946.

SESSION MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was held on Monday evening, May 6, at 8.00 o'clock.

Present- Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Elders Keith Demmon, C. J. Elderfield, E. A. Montgomery, T. L. Bishop, B.E.Field, John Guinther, W. N. Baxter, E. W. Jewett, Richard Shubert, Stuart Fleming and W. E. Mack.

Absent- Dr. R. C. Snowdon.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

Dr. Ralph C. Snowdon was unanimously elected Clerk of the Session.

The minutes of the last regular and special meetings were read and approved.

Mr. Berryhill announced that Dr. Milton E. Morrow, of the Stamford United Church, Canada, would be here May 19, 1946 for the Canadian Exchange Sunday.

Committees for the year 1946-1947 as suggested by Mr. Berryhill were unanimously approved-

PULPIT- Stuart Fleming, T. L. Bishop, B.E.Field, Dr. R.C.Snowdon.
 MISSIONS- Richard Shubert, C. J. Elderfield, Stuart Fleming.
 FINANCE- W. E. Mack, John Guinther, E.A.Montgomery.
 MUSIC- E. W. Jewett, B. E. Field, Keith Demmon.
 SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUNG PEOPLE- Keith Demmon, E.A.Montgomery, Richard Shubert.
 USHERING - Richard Shubert
 COMMUNION- B. E. Field, E. W. Jewett, W. N. Baxter, John Guinther.
 WEEK DAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION- Walter Mack.
 PASTOR'S FUND- C. J. Elderfield, W. E. Mack, T. L. Bishop.
 SPECIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE- Wm. Kremers, Chairman;
 J. G. Marshall, Wm. Campbell, H. E. Morrill, Keith Demmon.
 SPECIAL AND WEEK DAY SERVICES- T. L. Bishop, Dr. R.C.Snowdon, W. N. Baxter.

A report on the Pastor's Fund was made as follows-

Added	-----\$	20.00
Expended	-----	10.00
Net	-----	10.00
Balance 4/1---		424.14
Balance 5/6---		434.14

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Pulpit Committee- reported that ministers for August had been arranged for three or four Sundays.

FINANCE COMMITTEE- A report was made by Mr. Field on Restoration Fund, stating that the quota for Bacon Memorial and First Church was \$ 16,000.00, with division agreed upon as follows- Bacon-----\$ 4,000.00 approx.
 First ----- 10,500.00 "

SESSION MINUTES, May 6, con.

Time- 6/1/45 to 6/1/48- this is in addition to \$ 3500.00 already raised. It was moved, seconded and carried that the Session adopt a total Restoration Fund Budget of \$ 14,000.00 for a two year period.

A sum of \$ 30.00 was approved underwriting the Family Night Supper sponsored by the Younger Married Couples' Club.

There was a discussion of Annual Meeting Publicity both before and after the date of such meeting. The Nominating Committee was requested to see that a Summary Annual Report be sent out to members and that it be responsible for other plans to stimulate attendance at the Annual meeting. This was made as a motion and was seconded and carried unanimously.

MUSIC COMMITTEE- New choir gowns were reported as complete. Increase granted the Choir.

Reference to the Committee to investigate duties of the Secretary, Treasurer and Sexton was made. Mr. Berryhill had appointed Mr. Mack of the Session, and will designate two additional members, one of which will be chairman of House Committee of Trustees, Mr. Hill and Mr. Mark Templeton.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUNG PEOPLE-

New Officers- John Mifflin, Superintendent
Keith Demmon, Assistant
Norman Duffett, Assistant.

The committee reported that a request for Hyde Park for a Sunday School picnic for June 15 or 22 had been made. The report was accepted and Picnic recommended by the Session.

USHERS- It was recalled that the Clerk of the Session is responsible for having two Elders at the door on all Sundays.

COMMUNION- The date for the next Communion was established for the fourth Sunday in June- the 23rd.

The Pastor was instructed to write a letter of appreciation to Mr. John Mifflin, who has served so ably and well as Clerk for the past three years.

The Session approved the Trustees' offer to provide new covers for the Communion table and pulpit desk.

The Pastor will be out of town during the week of May 5-12, excepting Sunday, if the Session approves. This was approved.

SESSION MINUTES, May 6, Con.

Mr. Mack suggested that a Permanent Visitor's Committee be selected to assist the Pastor in making calls, as the occasion may arise. The ~~Members~~ ^{be} need not necessarily ^{be} from the Session. The suggestion is to be further considered at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Mr. C. J. Elderfield.

Keith Dammon (Wm)
 Temp. Clerk.

SESSION MINUTES
June 3, 1946.

The regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was held on Monday evening, June 3, at 8.00 o'clock.

Present- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Elders C. J. Elderfield, Dr. R. C. Snowdon, E. A. Montgomery, John Guinther, Stuart Fleming, E. W. Jewett and Richard Shubert.

Absent- Keith Demmon, T. L. Bishop, B. E. Field, W. E. Mack and W. N. Baxter.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Charles C. Berryhill.

The minutes of the May 6, 1946 meeting were read and approved, with but one change. Mr. Duffett's name was removed from the membership of the "Investigation Committee" and Mr. M. M. Templeton's name substituted.

A letter of commendation for his services as Clerk of the Session has been sent to Mr. Mifflin.

Mr. Berryhill reported that the following men are expected to supply the pulpit during the month of August-

Dr. Donald Spencer, Point Breeze Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Rev. Marshall D. Berryhill, Presbyterian Church, Greenville, Pa.
Dr. James Laurie, Central Presbyterian Church, Buffalo, N.Y.
Rev. David S. Blair, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Rochester, N.Y.

The following reports were made-

BENEVOLENT FUND (dated June 1, 1946.)

RECEIPTS-

Cash on hand May 1, 1946 -----		\$ 631.54
Collected- Regular weekly Benevolences-----	\$ 331.62	
Voluntary Trust Fund -----	12.50	344.12
		<u>\$ 975.66</u>

DISBURSEMENTS-

Central Receiving Agency for the different Boards of the Church ---	\$ 500.00
Cash on Hand May 31, 1946 -----	475.66
	<u>\$ 975.66</u>

Total collections- April 1 to May 31, 1946 -----	\$ 1009.40
Total paid out -----	600.00

Budget for the year ----- \$ 6,015.00

SESSION MINUTES, con. June 3, 1946.

RESTORATION FUND (dated June 3, 1946)
APRIL AND MAY, 1946.

Money collected during April and May, 1946 -----	\$ 1,247.00
Money forwarded to J. Allan Locke, Treasurer of the Fund -----	<u>1,247.00</u>

Money collected and forwarded to J. Allan Locke, Treasurer, prior to April 1946 -----	3,540.35
Collected and forwarded in April and May -----	<u>1,247.00</u>
	<u>4,787.35</u>

Pledges received in campaign since April 1, as of
today, June 3, 1946 -

67 pledges amounting to -----	\$ 7,340.00
Collected before April 1 -----	<u>3,540.35</u>
	<u>\$ 10,880.35</u>

Amount still necessary to make \$ 14,000.00 our goal - 3,119.65

Geo. A. McLaren, Treasurer.

A progress report concerning the Sunday School and Family Picnic to be held June 22, 1946, was rendered by Mr. Shubert.

Mr. Berryhill reported that the Preparatory Service in preparation for the Communion Service of June 23, will be held on June 19th.

In connection with the PASTOR'S FUND, Mr. Berryhill reported that no moneys have been received or expended since his last report.

Mr. Jewett noted that the church organ was out of commission on Sunday, June 2, and suggested that the church employ a proper repair organization to make necessary repairs. Moved by Mr. Jewett, seconded by Mr. Shubert. Carried.

There was some discussion about Elders being used to take the collection on Communion Sundays in view of the able ushers' group which we now have. Because of old custom, it was decided to have the Elders take the collection on Communion Sunday as we have in the past.

Mr. Berryhill presented a letter from Miss Laura Macdonald dated March 22, asking that her name be removed from the Church Roll. It was moved by Mr. Fleming, seconded by Mr. Guinther that such be done. Carried.

SESSION MINUTES- con.
June 3, 1946.

Cecilia Campbell, in a recent letter, dated May 24, 1946, asks that her name be removed from the church roll in that she has joined the Christian Science Church. It was moved by Mr. Elderfield, seconded by Mr. Jewett, that this request be granted. Carried.

* Mr. Mack recently suggested that the minister constitute himself as chairman of a committee in such fashion that he may call on or appoint members of the Session to assist him in Visitation Work. It was moved by Mr. Shubert and seconded by Mr. Guinther that such be established. Carried.

A letter from the Niagara Falls Religious Fellowship asking our interest in a church directory, is approved by the Session and referred to the Board of Trustees for action.

A financial report was rendered by the Laymen's Association and signed by Mr. C. A. Odening, Treasurer, which shows receipts for 1945-46 of \$ 1812.95 plus \$ 105.88, balance from previous year. The total is \$ 1918.83; of this, \$ 1884.15 was expended, leaving a present balance of \$ 34.68

The Session directed Mr. Berryhill to send a letter to Mr. Russell Look, President, commending the Younger Married Couples' Club for the fine party held on May 22nd.

The Clerk was called on to send a copy of these minutes to all members of the Session before the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10.00 P.M. Mr. Elderfield offered prayer.

Ralph C. Snowdon (RMS)
Ralph C. Snowdon, Clerk.

*Thus for examined and approved
in Presbytery at Franklinville, NY.
June 11, 1946*

Laurence Eymour
Moderator

* Correction- Motion made by Mr. Mack in the matter of Visitation should include members of congregation in addition to members of Session.

June 19, 1946.

SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was held on Wednesday evening, June 19, following the Preparatory Service.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill.

Present- Moderator Charles C. Berryhill and Elders Dr. R. C. Snowden E. A. Montgomery, John Guinther, W. E. Mack, W. N. Baxter, Stuart Fleming and Richard Shubert.

Absent- Elders B. E. Field, T. L. Bishop, Keith Demmon C. J. Elderfield and E. W. Jewett.

Three young women were baptised at the Preparatory Service and were present at the Session meeting- The names of these women follow-

Miss Annie May Camano
Miss Muriel Edith Camano
Mrs. Phyllis Eileen Kerr Beaton

There were also present at this meeting-

Mr. Eugene C. Sayers, who asks to join the church on Confession of faith and Mrs. Eugene C. Sayers who brings a letter from the Presbyterian Church of Brookville, Pa.

On recommendation by Mr. Berryhill that all of the above named persons be accepted for membership, it was moved and seconded motion by Mr. Guinther, second by Mr. Mack that such be accomplished. Carried.

There is \$ 1500.00 belonging to the Physical Development Reserve Fund, which is now in the General account. It was moved by Mr. Guinther, seconded by Mr. Mack that this money be transferred to a special account in Niagara Permanent Savings and Loan Association at 2 % interest. Carried.

Mr. Berryhill would like to spend the period July 7 to July 13 at the Duffield Camp, Presbyterian Youth Conference, Alleghany State Park, where he will participate in certain service. There were no objections.

He also wishes to spend the period July 17 to 24 at the Silver Bay Conference, Lake George. He expects to arrange with Dr. Robb of Philadelphia to supply our pulpit on Sunday, July 21st. There were no objections.

June 19, minutes, con.

The Special Service Committee composed of Messrs. W. E. Mack, Fred B. Hill and Mark Templeton will meet soon, said Mr. Mack.

Mr. Berryhill proposed that our church support the young people who wish to attend the summer conferences, but who are not provided for in the Youth Budget; this to the extent of one half their living expenses while at the conference. A maximum of \$ 100.00 shall be provided from the Operating Budget. It was moved by Mr. Mack and seconded by Mr. Guinther that this be done. Carried.

A considerable sum of money came from the Children's Day Service on June 9, by way of Special Children's Day envelopes. The Session directs that this money be credited to the Youth Budget.

Mr. Shubert reported that the Sunday School and Family Picnic would be held on June 22nd.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Charles C. Berryhill.

Ralph C. Snowden

Ralph C. Snowden, Clerk.

JUNE 23, 1946.

A special meeting of the Session was called for Sunday morning, June 23, at 10.30 A.M. preceding the Communion Service.

The following persons presented themselves desiring membership in First Presbyterian Church-

By Letter- Mr. James Patch- from St. Paul's Methodist Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Simons- 1st
Congregational Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

BY CONFESSION- Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Reid
Mr. Leonard Clingersmith

All were received and went to Communion Service where they received the right hand of fellowship.

The meeting was closed with the Benediction.

Ralph C. Snowden

Ralph C. Snowden
Clerk.

SUMMARY OF MEMBERS FOR COMMUNION
SERVICE, JUNE 23, 1946.

BY LETTER- Mrs. Eugene Sayers- Presbyterian Church,
Brookville, Pa.

Mr. James Patch- St. Paul's Methodist Church

Mr. Louis J. Simons- Congregational Church
Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Mrs. Louis J. Simons- Congregational Church
Niagara Falls, N.Y.

BY BAPTISM- Mrs. Phyllis Eileen Beaton (John Gilbert)
Miss Annie May Camano
Miss Muriel Edith Camano

BY RECONFESSION-

Mr. Thomas J. Reid

Mrs. Doris Reid (Mrs. Thomas J.)

Mr. Leonard J. Clingersmith

Mr. Eugene C. Sayers

Total- 11

SEPTEMBER 9, 1946

SESSION MINUTES

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church held its regular meeting on Monday evening, September 9, at 8.00 o'clock.

Present- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Elders-
 Keith Demmon, C. J. Elderfield, Dr. R. C. Snowdon, T. L. Bishop,
 B. E. Field, John Guinther, W. E. Mack, W. N. Baxter, Stuart
 Fleming, *R. Shubert, E. W. Jewett*
 Absent- Elder E. A. Montgomery

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. C. J. Elderfield.

The minutes of the June 3, 1946 meeting were read and approved with one correction. Mr. Mack's motion in the matter of the Visitation Committee should be amended to include members of the congregation in addition to members of the Session.

The minutes of the meeting of June 17, 1946 and those of June 23, 1946, were approved as read.

Mr. Demmon reported on the Family picnic held at Hyde Park on June 22, 1946, and also about Sunday School affairs. He brought out the intention to interest the young people who have lately attended Summer Conferences, in the work of the Church and Sunday School. There is also in evidence a desire to improve the music of the Sunday School. He spoke at length about using the "back" room in the basement and the gymnasium for the Primary Department and especially for the Beginner's Department, the latter of which has been seriously crowded in the past. The Clerk was directed to write a letter of Commendation to the chairman of the Safety Committee, with copy to the Board of Trustees in the matter of the recent Safety Committee Report. The motion was moved, seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Guinther and carried that the Session accept and approve the Report of the Survey Committee in the matters of the Duties of the Treasurer, Secretary and Sexton, dated September 6, 1946. The Clerk was directed to send a copy of the Report to the Trustees for approval and action.

Attached to these minutes are copies of the following Reports-
 RESTORATION FUND REPORTS for June, July and August, 1946.
 PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT RESERVE FUND REPORT for August, 1946.
 BENEVOLENT FUND, Treasurer's Reports for June, July and August, 1946

DUTIES of Treasurer, Secretary and Sexton- Report of September 6, 1946.

Mr. Mack was appointed to attend the meeting of the Presbytery on September 17, 1946.

The Coming Communion Service will be held on October 6, 1946, and the Preparatory Service on ~~Wednesday~~, October 2, 1946.

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It is to be noted that the Session approves of the Wednesday evening hour and that the starting of the program shall be left to the direction of the minister.

Mr. Berryhill will contact the Younger Married Couples' Club in connection with a Family Night sometime in November.

Mr. Berryhill brought up the matter of a church notice similar to one which is being used at Westminster Church at Rochester, and named "The Westminster Announcer." A motion by Mr. Dawson, *Drummond*, seconded by Mr. Shubert, that a Committee be appointed to cover this matter was carried. The Committee appointed consists of Messrs. Stuart Fleming, B. E. Field and W. E. Mack.

An interesting report from Mrs. Staneslow was read. Mrs. Staneslow is chairman of a committee of five which looks after Junior age children during the Sunday morning service.

Mr. Berryhill announced that the church program for the near future should include-

- 1- An attempt to encourage and amplify the loyalty of the members to the church that it represents.
- 2- An effort toward guidance to Homes.
- 3- An effort toward Evangelism (enlistment of others)

It was decided to hold the regular meetings at 7.30 P.M. instead of 8.00 P.M. in the future.

The meeting closed with prayer by Rev. Berryhill.

Ralph C. Snowdon
R. C. Snowdon, Clerk.

October 4, 1946.

The Session met on Friday evening, October 4, following the Preparatory Service.

Present- Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Elders- C. J. Elderfield, Dr. R. C. Snowdon, E. A. Montgomery, T. L. Bishop, B. E. Field, Stuart Fleming, Richard Shubert, W. E. Mack.

Absent- Keith Demmon, John Guinther, E. W. Jewett, W. N. Baxter.

The following persons presented themselves desiring membership in the First Presbyterian Church, and were regularly accepted.

BY LETTER-

Mrs. Lloyd S. Bovier- from Central Presbyterian Church, Rochester, N.Y.

Mrs. Helen Stockwell Wallace- First Presbyterian Church, Lockport, N.Y.

Mr. & Mrs. John A. Williamson- First Presbyterian Church, Lewiston, N.Y.

Mrs. William (Joyce) McEwan- The Methodist Church, Sanborn, N.Y.

BY PROFESSION OF FAITH-

Mr. Lloyd Bovier

Miss Joan McEwan

Mrs. Margaret L. Petts

Miss Lillias Laughlin

Mrs. Alice Minervino

Mr. Stuart Glennie

BAPTISM-

Mr. Stuart Glennie

The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill, to meet again preceding the Communion Service Sunday morning, October 6th.

Ralph C. Snowdon
Ralph C. Snowdon, Clerk.

The Session convened again just preceding the Communion Service on Sunday morning, October 7th-

The following people met the Session and were received into the Fellowship of the Church-

BY LETTER- Mr. and Mrs. William Kiado- Beech Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jackson- Takoma Park Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C.

Miss Grace Walkup- First Presbyterian Church- Hot Springs, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. William Marshall- Mrs. Marshall- 1st

Christian Church, Pittsburgh, Pa. Mr. Marshall,

1st United Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

PROFESSION OF FAITH -

Mr. John Baptiste Giroux

Mr. John Blackmer Buell

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Smith

Total for this Communion 22.

Closed with Benediction-Communion Service.

Ralph C. Snowdon
Clerk.

SESSION MEETING

OCTOBER 7, 1946.

The regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was held on Monday evening, October 7, at 7.30 o'clock.

Present- Keith Demmon, C. J. Elderfield, E. A. Montgomery, T.L. Bishop, B. E. Field, W. E. Mack, Stuart Fleming, Richard Shubert, and Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

Absent- Dr. R. C. Snowdon, John Guinther, E. W. Jewett and W. N. Baxter.

The minutes of the Sept. 9 meeting were read, corrected and approved. The minutes of the October 4 meeting were read, corrected and approved. The minutes of the October 6 meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Berryhill reported that the Younger Married Couples' Club would conduct a Family Night at the Church Wednesday evening, November 20, if the Session would underwrite any deficit that might accrue.

It was moved by C. J. Elderfield, seconded by Keith Demmon that the Session underwrite the expenses incident to a Family Night by the Younger Married Couples' Club to be held at the Church Wednesday, November 20th. Carried.

The Treasurer's report of the Benevolent Fund was read and ordered filed- Report follows-

RECEIPTS-

Cash on hand September 1, 1946 -----	\$ 101.93
Collections- Regular Benevolences -----	429.50
Young Legacy -----	18.75
	<u>\$ 550.27</u>

DISBURSEMENTS- None

Cash on hand September 30, 1946 -----	550.27
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Jean McLaren,
Acting Treasurer.

There were no reports of the Restoration and Physical Development Reserve Funds.

Mr. Berryhill reported no expenses or receipts for Pastor's Fund since the September meeting.

Mr. Demmon reported progress for the Sunday School Committee.

Mr. Shubert reported progress for the Ushers' Committee.

Mr. Bishop reported on condition of Boy Scouts, Troop 3, and the Session approves applying for a renewal of its Charter.

It was moved by Mr. Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Shubert that the high school boys be granted the use of the gymnasium Tuesday nights when supervised by an adult acceptable to the Session, and when such use does not conflict with meetings being held in other parts of the Church. Carried.

The following report was received from the World War II Memorial Committee. Mr. Fleming moved and Mr. Elderfield seconded that the report be received and the committee continued with two additional members to be appointed by the minister. Also that the minister be authorized to contact representatives of Stained Glass Window Companies for pertinent information relative to using a stained glass window as a Memorial as suggested by the Committee. Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE
WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL- TO SESSION

The Committee, which was appointed to consider the matter of a suitable Memorial to those who gave their lives in World War II, consisting of Everell W. Jewett, Chairman, Mrs. William Morton and Newman Gray, submits the following report:

After eliciting suggestions from many of the Church members and discussing the matter informally upon occasions, the Committee held a meeting about three week ago. As a result of the discussion at that meeting, the Committee concluded that the two most suitable suggestions for a Memorial were:

- 1- A Memorial Room to be located over the Chapel, and
- 2- A stained glass window at the front of the Church.

Of these two possibilities, the Committee favored the room, largely because of the present urgent need and the good uses it could be put. The room could be so built and furnished as to be suitable for use by the young adult members of the Church. The Sunday School classes are overcrowded, and the room might perhaps be used on Sunday mornings to relieve that situation somewhat. Some of the young people, who expressed ideas to the Committee members, seemed to prefer something practical and useful to something ornamental. Most of those for whom the Memorial is being given were young men, and the Committee thought that possibly, if they could express their ideas, they would be similar.

The window, on the other hand, would be something beautiful and inspiring. There seemed to be some difficulties in connection with it, however. The front of the church is not well adapted to a display window. It seemed to be desired that the window should be seen from Falls Street, with the idea that it might exert a Christian influence by bringing the Church to the attention of the public. Unless the window were placed in the tower, in which is located the northerly front entrance to the Church, it would not be very noticeable from Falls Street. If it were located where the present windows are, between the two front entrances to the Church, it could only be seen from Falls Street at the corner of the Elderfield-Hartshorn Building from a point on the other side of Falls Street about in front of the

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entrance to the Colonial Restaurant. If, on the other hand, it were located in the tower, it could not be seen from inside the Church.

The group of people, whom Mr. Berryhill called together to meet with this Committee and himself last Monday evening, consist of Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. Rooker, Mr. Kremers, Mr. Mifflin, Mr. Reid, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Snowden and Mr. Werner, favored the window in preference to the room. An objection was voiced to the idea of a memorial room that it was something that the Church should have anyway, and that the Memorial should be something that we would not necessarily have. It was also pointed out that the Church might proceed at once to obtain a window, whereas there might be considerable delay before a room could be built.

It was also pointed out that, in the event that we were to have a new building, the window could be transferred to the new building. It was suggested that a rose window might be desirable, and that it might be located above and between the present windows in the front of the Church.

It was the consensus of opinion of that group that information should be obtained regarding the design, placement and cost of a window, and that an effort should be made to have an expert in that field come here and advise us as to such matters, and also as to the theme for such a window. We understand from Mr. Berryhill that Edward W. Heimer and Co. of Patterson, New Jersey, which installed a window in the Zion Lutheran Church in a satisfactory manner will have a representative in this area next month. This Committee approves of Mr. Berryhill's suggestion that he ask the representative of that corporation to counsel with us regarding the window when he is in Niagara Falls.

In case it is deemed advisable to contact someone else engaged in this line of work, we suggest the Pittsburgh Stained Glass Studios, located at Warden and McCartney Streets, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The opinion of the group which met last Monday night was divided as to whether it was more important for a window to be noticeable to the people outside the Church, or to be visible from within the Church. If, after obtaining professional advice regarding the location of the window, it appears that it is necessary to make a choice between those two, it would seem that further consideration and a discussion of the matter should be had.

WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

By E. W. Jewett

Newman Gray

(Mrs. Morton absent from city.)

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The following resolution was ordered to be made a part of the Session record and a copy sent to Mrs. McLaren.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, our friend and co-worker, left this life on September 10, 1946-

BE IT RESOLVED that the Session of First Presbyterian Church record its deep sense of loss in the death of George A. McLaren on September 10, 1946. We are mindful that he has been a devout Christian gentleman and that First Presbyterian Church has been greatly helped by his leadership as a member of many years, as an Elder ordained in 1919, as Treasurer of all general funds of the congregation for many years, and as Treasurer of some Funds within the Church for a much longer time.

Our Church will miss him greatly and the Session will gratefully remember his friendship, his insight and wise counsel and his effort on behalf of Christ and His Kingdom. We do also rejoice in the Christian faith which assures us of our co-worker's eternal inheritance through our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SESSION

T. L. Bishop	Wm. Baxter	Keith Demmon
B. E. Field	Stuart Fleming	C. J. Elderfield
John Guinther	E. W. Jewett	E. A. Montgomery
W. E. Mack	Richard Shubert	R. C. Snowdon

Rev. C. C. Berryhill, Moderator.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Mr. Elderfield.

W E Mack

W. E. Mack, Clerk Pro tem.

SESSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 4, 1946.

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church met for its regular meeting on Monday evening, November 4, at 7.30 o'clock.

The following were present- Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill, Elders- T. L. Bishop, C. J. Elderfield, B. E. Field, J. S. Fleming, John Guinther, W. E. Mack, E. A. Mongtomery, Richard Shubert, Dr. R. C. Snowden.

Absent- Elders Keith Demmon, W. N. Baxter and E. W. Jewett.

The minutes of the meeting of October 7, 1946, were read and approved.

The use of the church gymnasium by groups of boys from High School and others has been approved as long as the boys are in charge of some responsible adult. John Brunn will take charge of the High School group. See paragraph of minutes of October 7th.

Mr. Heimer of Paterson, New Jersey, has called in connection with the War Memorial Window. There has been no meeting of the Committee on Memorials as Mr. Jewett has been out of town. Mr. Heimer has written a letter for consideration by the Committee.

Mr. Mack reported on the condition of the Benevolent Budget. He indicates that the rate of collection of the first six months, shows that at the end of the year, a shortage of approximately \$ 1000.00 will be experienced. Mr. Mack was asked to make a forecast after eight months has expired. Whereas, the Annual Budget is \$ 6015.00, six months collections total \$ 2528.92. Mr. Mack will report at the next Session meeting and will compare this year with the same period in 1945-46. He will also try to show the status of the General Operating Fund for the same periods.

The Pastor's Fund shows no income and no expenditures for the past month.

Mr. Berryhill suggested the name of Wm. Campbell for Director of the Youth Budget.

The Session took up the matter of Church Treasurer, the position left vacant by the death of George A. McLaren. The opinion of the Session had been requested by the Trustees and the request was carefully considered. The Session wishes to continue the discussion at the December meeting.

The following Financial Reports were read and approved.

Mrs. McKellips report on Petty Cash of \$ 10.00 showed an expenditure of \$ 6.97.

Jean McLaren's Report as Acting Treasurer, re-Benevolent Fund for 7 months, to November 1, 1946- showed a balance on hand of \$ 559.17. Total collected in 7 months- \$ 3053.16. Total paid out in 7 months- \$ 2579.00. Budget for the year- \$ 6015.00.

Jean McLaren's Report on the Sunday School showed- Operating Fund
 Total Receipts for the month-----\$ 418.30
 Total Disbursements ----- 93.15
 Balance on hand Oct. 31, 1946 -----\$ 325.15

BENEVOLENT SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT-

Cash on hand Oct. 1, 1946 -----\$ 369.56
 Collections for October ----- 35.39
 Total -----\$ 404.95

Jean McLaren's Report - re Physical Development Reserve Fund for October, 1946-

Cash on hand October 1, 1946 -----\$ 1752.00
 Deposited in October ----- 83.33
 -----\$ 1835.33

Jean McLaren's Report re Restoration Fund-

Money collected during September -----\$ 139.50
 Money collected during October ----- 777.10
 Money forwarded to J. Allan Locke, Treas.
 of the Fund, October 31, 1946 --- 916.60

Money collected and forwarded before September
 3, 1946 ----- \$ 8594.35
 Money collected in September and October
 and forwarded to date ----- 916.60
 -----\$ 9510.95

Amount subscribed to Restoration Fund \$ 14,445.00
 Money collected and forwarded to Nov. 1,
 1946 ----- 9,510.95
 Balance to be collected ----- 4,934.05

A Committee of three, Messrs. J. S. Fleming, B.E. Field and W. E. Mack was appointed by the Moderator to consider the matter of a "News Form" to be sent at regular intervals to members of the congregation. The Committee will continue the study, adding Mr. Bishop's suggestion that the idea be used to amplify the Church Bulletin which may then be sent to members of the congregation.

The Moderator appointed a Committee of three, Messrs. T. L. Bishop, W. E. Mack and Rev. Charles Berryhill to canvass the "use of the Church" situation and report.

Letters from Mrs. ^(Mrs. Geo. A. McLaren) Jessie M. McLaren were read. These letters were written in appreciation of the flowers sent to Mr. McLaren's funeral and the Session resolution of October 7, 1946.

In her report of November, Mrs. McKellips brought up the matter of a "music machine" for the use of the Young People at their evening parties. The Session raises no objection to the purchase and use of such a machine, but entirely subject to the approval of the minister.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.30 P.M. after prayer by Mr. Bishop.

Ralph C. Anderson Clerk.

December 2, 1946.

SESSION MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Session was held on Monday evening, December 2, at 7.30 o'clock.

Present- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Elders, Keith Demmon, C. J. Elderfield, Dr. R.C.Snowdon, T. L. Bishop, W. N. Baxter, John Guinther, W. E. Mack, and E. W. Jewett.

Absent- Elders B. E. Field, E. A. Montgomery, Stuart Fleming and Richard Shubert.

The meeting was opened with prayer by T. L. Bishop.

The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved, with the understanding that "Mrs. Geo. A. McLaren" be inserted above the name "Mrs. Jessie M. McLaren."

The report of the committee appointed to canvass the "use of the Church" was discussed. The committee was enlarged by the appointment to it of Messrs. John Guinther and Keith Demmon as additional members. It is expected that a final report be made at the January meeting of the Session.

The Benevolent Budget- Mr. Mack reported that a further compilation of figures indicated a slightly poorer collection at this time than that to be expected based on a four year average. The Committee recommended that a letter be sent to the congregation inviting their participation in a "special gift to the Benevolent Fund" at Christmas time. This was defeated by action of the Session.

The Finance Committee recommended that William Campbell be appointed Director of the Youth Budget for 1947. The Session approved this appointment.

The following reports for November from the Acting Treasurer were read and approved.

Benevolent Fund- Total Receipts -----	\$ 922.54
Expenditures -----	300.00
On hand -----	622.54

Rwstoration Fund-Collected in November--	189.00
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Money forwarded to	
Alan Locke, Treas-----	189.00

Total collected on pro-	\$ 9,699.00
ject since beginning	

Balance to be collected	4,745.05
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Physical Development Reserve

Fund- Total for month-----	193.33
Total now in Fund -----	2,028.66

Mrs. McKellips report showing that she used \$ 6.97 of her \$ 10.00 petty cash for a Young People's Party in October is to be received and filed and approved.

The matter of the office of Church Treasurer was again discussed, but no conclusions were drawn and it is left open.

The Session approved the suggestion that a booklet be sent to all church homes during December. The booklet shall contain Christmas information and announcements concerning the church program with special reference to Sunday School activities.

The matter of the Ushers' Dinner Meeting which was held in October was discussed. All felt that the ushering program had benefitted greatly and that the whole situation had been much improved.

The Session approved the date of the next Communion Service, January 5, 1947, and the date of the Preparatory Service, January 3, 1947.

The Pastor's Fund shows no income and no expenditures during November.

The Session approved a Mid-week service on January 8, 1947, as evidence of our interest in the Week of Prayer designated for that week in January.

Mr. Jewett presented a report of the World War II Memorial Committee, as follows-

Niagara Falls, New York.
November 29, 1946.

To the Session of the First Presbyterian Society
of Niagara.

Niagara, Falls, New York.

Following is report of Committee for Memorial to those who gave their lives in World War II.

On above date, the Committee met with Mr. Berryhill to give further consideration to the Memorial. At a Committee meeting held September 31, with a group of people from the Church, the general opinion voiced was that the Memorial should be in the form of a stained glass window and that the work should proceed at as early a date as was consistent with design and execution.

Since that time, Mr. Hiemer of The Hiemer Company, designers and builders of stained glass windows, has called at the church and met with the committee and a small group of church members. At this meeting Mr. Hiemer discussed the nature of window desired, made an inspection of available space for suitable window. In his letter of October 17, 1946, to Mr. Berryhill, Mr. Hiemer gave his suggestions and cost estimates. In giving

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consideration to Mr. Hiemer's suggestions at the November 29th meeting of the Committee, some problems were brought up, the main one being the location of the window or windows in connection with alteration or development of improvements to the church building. At various times the desirability of a spacious vestibule or reception hall at the entrance of the Church on First Street, has been informally discussed. This, if carried out, might entail the construction of a one-story structure between the present north entry in the bell tower and the south entry. In view of this or other alterations which might be recommended by the Committee for the physical development of the building, it was felt that a final report from the Development Committee should be awaited or a meeting arranged with that Committee for consideration of the Memorial.

It is understood that a rather pretentious building program involving space for church school is under consideration. In this connection a suggestion was offered that a Memorial fund be set up at this time. This fund would be used at a later date for installing a suitable Memorial in the new development. As a tie-in with this fund, a suitable engraved and embossed "Memorial Book of Memories" might be procured.

The location for the Memorial windows recommended by Mr. Hiemer is two or three windows in the front of the church. In this location the windows could be effectively viewed from inside the sanctuary by day light and could be illuminated in the evening for a view from the exterior. The location in the bell tower is considered entirely unsuitable as the windows could never be seen from inside.

Some other questions were raised as follows:

- 1- Should the full honor roll be maintained on board or panel.
- 2- In connection with the Memorial, what period should be considered. Would it be only for those up to final Armistice or perpetual.
3. If maintained, what names should be included on the honor roll. Some names now displayed are of those from other churches.

The above report is for your consideration and with your advice, the matter will be studied further.

WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

E. W. Jewett
Catherine Morton
Newman Gray

At Mr. Demmon's suggestion, this report was received by the Session with sincere appreciation for the work of the Committee.

Mr. Mack was appointed delegate to attend Presbytery on December 3, 1946.

The Session directs the payment of the deficit incurred by the Younger Married Couples' Club on the occasion of Family Night, November 20, 1946. The amount is about \$ 15.00.

The Clerk is directed to send a note of appreciation for Family Night to Russell Look, President of the Younger Married Couples' Club.

Mr. Berryhill wishes to be free to preach at services to be held at the Edgewood-Church at Pittsburgh, on January 9 and 10, during their observance of the Week of Prayer. The Session approved.

The meeting closed at 10.00 o'clock, with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill.

R. C. Snowden

R. C. Snowden, Clerk.

January 3, 1947

SESSION MINUTES

A special meeting of the Session was held on Friday evening, January 3, 1947, following the Preparatory Service.

Present- Moderator, C. C. Berryhill, Elders B. E. Field, John Guinther, E. W. Jewett, W. E. Mack, R. C. Snowdon.

Absent- Elders W. N. Baxter, T. L. Bishop, Keith Demmon, C. J. Elderfield, Stuart Fleming, E. A. Montgomery, Richard Shubert.

As the meeting was held immediately following the Preparatory Service, it was opened without formality by the Moderator.

The meeting was largely concerned with the examination of prospective members of the Church.

The following named persons were received by letter.

Mrs. Charles A. Evans (nee Winship) from the First Baptist Church
Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Mrs. Stanley P. Nugent (nee Barbara Van Raalte) from the Presbyterian
Church, Clearfield, Pa.

Mr. Guinther made and Mr. Mack seconded the motion accepting these persons. Carried.

The following named persons were received through Re-affirmation of Faith-

Mr. Charles A. Evans

Mr. William C. Malloy

Mrs. William C. Malloy

The following named person was received through Profession of Faith-

Mr. Stanley P. Nugent

Mr. Mack made and Mr. Jewett seconded the motion that the four last named persons be admitted to membership.

Ralph C. Snowdon
Ralph C. Snowdon, Clerk.

The Session reconvened Sunday morning, January 5, preceding the Communion Service.

Closed with benediction.

Ralph C. Snowdon
Clerk.

SESSION MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Session was held on Monday evening, January 6, 1947, at 7.30 o'clock.

Present- Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Elders- Keith Demmon, C. J. Elderfield, R. A. Montgomery, T. L. Bishop, B. E. Field, W. E. Mack, E. W. Jewett and Richard Shubert.

Absent- Elders Dr. R. C. Snowdon, John Guinther, W. N. Baxter and Stuart Fleming.

The meeting was opened with prayer by C. J. Elderfield.

The minutes of the December 2nd meeting were read and approved.

A motion was made that the Pastor be authorized to secure a representative from one of the church Boards to speak at a Sunday morning service prior to the annual church enrollment. Seconded. Carried.

The Acting Treasurer's reports of Benevolent, Restoration and Physical Development Funds were read and ordered filed. The reports showed the following balances-

Benevolent- \$ 743.49; Physical Development- \$ 2,112.00; The Restoration Fund showed that \$ 10,416.45 had been collected and forwarded to Alan Locke, Treasurer of the Fund, leaving \$ 4,028.55 yet to be collected on the project.

The Secretary's expense of \$ 1.04 for the month of December, 1946, was ordered paid.

The Pastor reported a donation of \$ 10.00 to the Pastor's Fund and an expenditure of \$ 35.00 from the Fund during December, 1946.

A motion was made by Mr. Elderfield, seconded by Mr. Shubert, that we recommend to the Trustees and the congregation that the fiscal year of the church be changed from April 1- March 31 to January 1- December 31, beginning April 1, 1947, with the understanding that the next fiscal period during 1947 will be nine instead of twelve months long, April 1- December 31. Carried.

The Finance Committee was asked to meet to consider the Benevolent Budget and those items in the Operating Budget controlled by the Session for the fiscal period beginning April 1, 1947, and to report at the regular meeting of the Session on February 3, 1947.

It was decided to ask the Trustees to hold a joint meeting with the Session at 8.30 P. M. Monday, February 3, to consider the Financial Budgets for the fiscal period beginning April 1, 1947 and to plan for the Church Enrollment sometime during March.

January 6, con.

A Motion was made by Mr. Elderfield, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, that we recommend to the Trustees and Congregation that the Pastor be authorized to secure an assistant Pastor, to commence work about June 1, 1947, at a salary not to exceed \$ 250.00 per month. Carried.

The Pastor reported that William Campbell had accepted our request to act as Director of the Youth Budget.

The Chairman of the Communion Committee reported that some of the linen must be replaced and the plates replated in the near future.

Mr. Berryhill reported the Week Day Service Committee has planned a special Week of Prayer Service for Wednesday night, January 8th.

A motion was made by Mr. Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Bishop that the following report from the War Memorial Committee be accepted and the Committee authorized to proceed according to the report when approved by the Trustees and Congregation. Carried.

WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

To the Session of the
First Presbyterian Society of Niagara
Niagara Falls, New York.

" Following is report of meeting of the Committee for memorial to those who gave their lives in World War II. The meeting was held at the church on December 17, 1946, and present were Mrs. William Morton, Newman Gray, Everll W. Jewett, of the Committee, Mr. C. C. Berryhill, pastor, and Mr. Heimer, of the Heimer Company.

The subject of memorial windows was discussed at length, especially in connection with possible remodeling of the front of the church building.

There are now three windows in the front of the building, and Mr. Heimer expressed his opinion that a pleasing effect could not be obtained without installing a series of works in all three windows.

After considerable discussion, it was the consensus of opinion of all present that it would be impractical to try to design windows now which would fit into any plans for remodeling while it is unknown what form or extent of alteration of the building might be involved.

In view of the uncertainties regarding installation of memorial windows at the present time, suggestion was offered that a memorial fund of \$ 3,000 be set up and that a memorial book containing the names of those who gave their lives, and suitable inscription be obtained at once. This fund would be used for installation of memorial window or windows at the time of alteration of the church building, at which time the design can be adapted to the architecture of the project, or this fund might be used for other suitable memorial which might be obtained at an earlier date at the discretion of the church boards. The fund would be raised by popular subscription. The

Committee concurred with this suggestion, and recommends that such a fund and memorial book be established.

THE COMMITTEE;

It was decided that when the war is declared ended, the Honor Roll on the rear wall of the church be removed and a copy of the roll, or a list of all the names on the roll, with an appropriate letter be sent to the families of those whose names appear and to all the families in the church membership, and that the Pastor name a committee to do the work. Carried. After the meeting, the Pastor appointed Mr. Mack as chairman of the Committee, he to select his members.

The Pastor reported that the Physical Development Committee in its progress had arrived at the time when it is necessary to secure the services of a paid architect. A motion was therefore made and approved that if the Trustees desire to appropriate money from the Physical Development Reserve Fund to pay an architect, and if it is necessary for the Session to approve such appropriation, we do so approve.

The following report from the Use of the Church Building Committee was read, accepted and ordered sent to the Trustees for their consideration and action.

POLICY OF THE SESSION CONCERNING THE USE OF DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BUILDING.

"It is understood the building is mainly for the purpose of carrying on the program of the church which includes not only regular meetings of worship and youth education, but meetings of Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Choir practice, Laymen's Association, socials, suppers and all other activities sponsored by the church.

A running schedule of events shall be kept in the church office, under the supervision of the Church Secretary, showing the dates of all scheduled meetings, parts of the building to be used and nature of each event, for at least two months in advance.

Church sponsored organizations desiring the use of any part of the building must consult this schedule and confer with the Secretary, to make sure that the time and part of the building desired will not conflict with already scheduled functions.

(It must be understood that functions including music- and the music, laughing and loud talking is very liable to conflict with functions in other parts of the building.)

Jan. 6, con.

In all cases functions and parts of the building first scheduled shall take precedence regardless of the number involved.

The following is applicable to outside organizations, and to weddings when neither bride nor groom has personal or family connection with the church.

There may be times when in the judgement of the Pastor, it may be expedient to permit the use of parts or all of the building when such does not conflict with church functions. However, the use of the building or any of its parts for functions by organizations not connected with or sponsored by the church shall not be encouraged. It shall be understood that the Pastor, acting for and in the name of the Session, and after consulting with the President of the Board of Trustees or the Chairman of the House Committee, is the only one who may permit such use. It shall be understood that the organization using the building is expected to make a donation large enough to cover the costs shown in the table. The organization shall be notified of the expected donation by the Pastor at the time he authorizes such use.

"Session desires that cost of building only be covered by any donation that is suggested."

TABLE OF ESTIMATED COSTS

	Donation expected	Heating cost	Sexton	Total con- tribution.
Sanctuary -----	\$ 10.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 18.00
Dining Room and Kitchen-				
Less than 75 persons -----	5.00	3.00	5.00	13.00
More than 75 persons -----	10.00	3.00	5.00	18.00
Chapel -----	5.00	3.00	2.00	10.00
Chapel Rooms -----	1.00			1.00

"Session makes it plain that the above figures are only suggestive and believe that the Trustees should propose the specific figures which cover costs in each instance."

The foregoing rules should not be construed to prevent the Pastor from permitting the use of the building without cost for general religious functions, sponsored by the religious organizations, such as Religious Fellowship, Church Union, Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., etc.

Neither should the foregoing rules be construed to prevent the Pastor from inviting groups of people, particularly young people, to meet with him or someone delegated by him to meet for a function, without cost, when in his judgement the function is in the interest of the religious life of those invited or the religious life of the community.

Jan. 6, con.

Also the rules should not be construed to prevent organizations of the church from using parts of the church for serving suppers (conducting bazars or other functions) for profit to members of the church, to the public or to outside organizations when such profit is to be used in the regular work of the church organization. "

W. E. Mack, Chairman of
Committee

on Use of the Church Building

The Pastor's suggestion that a Young People's Day, when representatives of the Young People would be in the pulpit to assist in the Morning Service be held the last Sunday in January was approved.

The Clerk of Session was authorized to call a meeting of the Congregation for Monday, February 10, at 8:00 o'clock to consider the 1947 Church Enrollment (Financial Canvass), to hear a report from the War Memorial Committee and such other business as may properly come before the congregation and to notify the President of the Board of Trustees.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by the Pastor, Rev. C. C. Berryhill.



W. E. Mack, Clerk, Pro Tem.

February 3, 1947.

SESSION MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was held on Monday evening, February 3, at 7.30 o'clock.

Present- Rev. Charles C. Berryhill, Moderator and Elders Keith Demmon, C. J. Elderfield, Dr. R. C. Snowdon, E. A. Montgomery, T. L. Bishop, John Guinther, W. E. Mack, W. N. Baxter, B. E. Field, E. W. Jewett and Richard Shubert.

Absent- Stuart Fleming.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

The minutes of the special meeting of January 3 and the regular meeting of January 6, 1947 were read and approved with one change - the addition to the "Call of the Congregation" meeting on February 10, the words, "also to hear a report from the Physical Development Committee."

Mr. Berryhill reported that there is in his fund at the present moment, the sum of \$ 405.14.

It was arranged to hold Holy Week Services this year as usual.

The next Communion Service will be held April 3, 1947, the Thursday immediately preceding Easter Sunday.

The ^{Acting} Assistant Treasurer's reports were read showing the following-

BENEVOLENT FUND-

Receipts- Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1947	-----	\$ 743.49
Church envelopes	-----	487.13
Plate- Communion Sunday	43.03	530.16
		<u>\$ 1273.65</u>

Disbursements-

Boards of the Church	----	\$ 600.00
Last Quarter Budget "A"		137.50
Last " " "B"		78.00
General Fund- to correct error Budget "A"	----	137.50
		953.00
Cash on hand Jan. 31, 1947	-----	320.65
To be raised-balance fiscal year	-----	\$ 1183.00
		<u>\$ 1273.65</u>

RESTORATION FUND-

Total collected for the month	-----	\$ 305.50
Total money forwarded to date	-----	10,721.95
Total to be collected on project	-----	3,723.05

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT FUND-

Total now on hand-----\$ 2,195.33

SUNDAY SCHOOL- OPERATING-	On hand	-----	\$	347.72
" " BENEVOLENT	" "	-----		159.13

It was moved, seconded and carried that \$ 10.00 be appropriated to pay Dr. Warmingham, who will speak at the Youth Dinner on February 10, 1947.

It was moved and seconded by Messrs. C. J. Elderfield and E.W. Jewett that the figures presented by Mr. Mack which represent the recommendations of the Finance Committee in connection with the Benevolent Budget for April 1, 1947 to December 31, 1947, shall be presented to the Joint meeting as final. Carried.

It is proposed that an officers' Training Course be offered in May, 1947. A Committee consisting of Messrs. Montgomery, Snowdon, and Field to cover the matter was appointed by Mr. Berryhill.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Pledge Card to be used in the coming Enrollment carry a statement from the subscriber as to his wishes regarding the New Church Magazine.

The Session meeting adjourned to the Joint Meeting with the Trustees at 8.30 P.M.

JOINT MEETING

The Joint Meeting of the Session and the Board of Trustees was called to order at 8.40 P.M. February 10, 1947.

The following named members of the Board of Trustees were present- Messrs. George Bramann, A. J. Flagg, R. J. Moore, Fred C. Snowdon, Fred B. Hill, Newman Gray, C. R. Stroup, E. R. Werner and Mark Templeton.

There followed considerable informal talk and some questions.

It was moved and seconded by Messrs. C. J. Elderfield and Keith Demmon that the Operating Budget as presented by the Trustees be approved. Carried.

The proposed "Youth Budget" was presented by William Campbell. It covers nine months- April 1, 1947 to December 31, 1947, and calls for raising \$ 1300.00 as against \$ 1200 for twelve months of past year- 1946-1947. Mr. Campbell states that increased cost of materials for the Sunday School warrants the increase which will be easily accomplished by the increasing Sunday School attendance and interest. It was moved and seconded by Messrs. C. J. Elderfield and E. W. Jewett that the "Youth Budget" be approved and that Mr. Campbell be commended for the work done by himself and his committee.

Mr. Bramann was appointed to serve on the "Projector Committee" with Mr. Demmon who is the chairman.

February 10, 1947
Minutes, con.

It was moved and seconded by Messrs. R. J. Moore and C. J. Elderfield that the item "Contingencies" (Benevolent Fund) be reduced by \$ 37.50, making the \$ 200.00 item \$ 162.50 and that the \$ 37.50 item be added to the Budget specifically for Auburn Seminary. Carried.

It was moved and seconded by Messrs. C. J. Elderfield and John Guinther that the parts of the Proposed Budget entitled "Items Controlled by the Session" and "Benevolent Budget" be accepted as changed by the preceding paragraph and approved. Carried.

It is suggested that the statement "To be raised by subscription " be attached to the summary at the end of the Budget.

Mr. Shubert appealed to members of both Boards to attend adult Bible Class always and especially Dr. Ruland's Class on Sunday February 9th.

Mr. Berryhill wishes to invite Colin Macdonald to serve as representative of the First Church, with men from other churches of the Presbytery in the way of organizing the men of the church under its program of Men's Work.

A motion to this suggestion was made by Mr. B.E.Field and seconded by Mr. Shubert. Carried.

The meeting closed with prayer by Mr. C. J. Elderfield.


R. C. Snowdon? Clerk.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN SOCIETY OF NIAGARA

FEBRUARY 10, 1947

The meeting was opened at 8:05 P.M. with a prayer by Rev. Berryhill. Mr. Keith Demmon nominated Mr. B. E. Field to serve as Chairman. Mr. Field was elected by acclamation.

The Chairman called on Mr. E. R. Werner, President of the Board of Trustees, to present the budget items controlled by the Trustees. Mr. Werner called attention to the change of the end of the fiscal year from March 31 to December 31. Therefore, the figures he presented were for a period of nine months. The itemized budget is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Colin MacDonald questioned the janitor's salary being as low as \$1350 for nine months. Mr. Mack was called on for an explanation, because he had served as chairman of a committee to investigate salaries. He said that the job was worth more, if done properly.

Mr. Werner moved, seconded by Mr. John Guinther, and carried that the item for janitor's salary be referred to the Board of Trustees for study and recommendation.

Mr. Walter Mack was asked to present the budget items controlled by the Session. He gave the reasons for the differences between the proposed budget and the budget for last year. Mr. Dawson asked about the duties of the Assistant Minister. Rev. Berryhill explained that the assistant should be capable of working in all phases of the ministry, but that his duties will be principally in the youth program.

Mr. Hastie moved that the item of the salary for the Parish Secretary be referred to the Session for further study. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Jaquish. Motion carried.

Mr. William Campbell was asked to present the Youth Budget.

Dr. A. M. Rooker made a motion that the budgets in total be accepted as presented except the item of the Janitor's salary and the item of the Secretary's salary, which are to be reviewed by the two boards and their recommendations accepted. The motion was seconded, and carried.

Mr. E. W. Jewett was called on to report for the Committee on a Memorial for those on the Church Honor Roll, who gave their lives in World War II. He said that memorial windows had been investigated, but that the plans for such cannot be carried out until the proposals of the Physical Development Committee are worked out and become definite.

In view of that, the committee suggested that a memorial fund of \$3,000 be set up and that a memorial book containing the names of those who gave their lives, and suitable inscription, be obtained at once. This fund would be used for installation of memorial window or windows at the time of alteration of the church building, at which time the design can be adapted to the architecture of the project, or this fund might be used for other suitable memorial which might be obtained at an earlier date at the discretion of the church boards. The fund would be raised by popular subscription.

A motion was made by Mr. Mifflin, seconded by Mr. Demmon, and carried that the report of the Committee be accepted and that its suggestions and recommendations be adopted and carried out. The motion carried.

Dr. Rooker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mifflin, and carried, that the Committee for a Memorial should be given a vote of thanks.

Dr. Rooker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mifflin, and carried that the congregation thanks most gratefully the Philathea Class for its great work during World War II in maintaining the Honor Roll, in collecting for and sending gifts to, and in sending news-bulletins to those people from our church who served their country in this war.

Dr. A. M. Rooker reported for the Committee on Physical Improvement and Development. He told that the committee had met with an architect and that preliminary studies have been made. The Trustees have voted \$500 for these studies, but it is believed that up to \$500 more will be needed. To date \$2,000 have been collected for physical development, but the Trustees feel that the congregation should approve the expenditures from this fund.

Mr. John Mifflin made a motion that the sum of \$500 already approved by the Trustees and an additional sum of up to \$500 be authorized for architects' fees and that the fees paid will be credited on the total charged, if the plans are accepted and carried out. It was seconded by Mr. MacDonald. Motion carried.

Mr. Keith Demmon moved, Mr. Mifflin seconded, and carried that the recommendation of the Trustees for appointment of Mr. Walter Mack as Chairman of the Every-member Enrollment be approved.

Mr. Mack gave an outline of his plans for this campaign.

It was moved by Dr. Rooker and seconded by Mr. Mifflin, that the minutes be approved as corrected. Motion carried.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn. The meeting was closed with a benediction by Rev. Berryhill.

M. M. Templeton
Secretary, pro tem.

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APPENDIX A

MINUTES OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 10, 1947

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PROPOSED BUDGET
April 1, 1947 - December 31, 1947.

OPERATING FUND

ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS-

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT RESERVE FUND ----- \$ 750.00

PHYSICAL OPERATION-

Janitor's Salary -----	\$ 1350.00	
Additional Janitor's help -----	90.00	
Gas -----	40.00	
Electricity -----	300.00	
Water -----	25.00	
Coal -----	875.00	
House supplies -----	200.00	2880.00

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE-

Care of organ and pianos -----	130.00	
Repair to Building and Fixtures -----	1500.00	
Repairs to Manse -----	300.00	
Kitchen Equipment -----	100.00	
Insurance -----	400.00	2430.00

OFFICE-

Treasurer -----	810.00	
Telephone -----	115.00	
Office supplies, including stationery -----	250.00	
Petty Cash -----	50.00	
Office Equipment -----	50.00	
Bulletins -----	150.00	
Other Printing -----	100.00	
Postage -----	300.00	1825.00

SPECIAL ITEMS-

Presbytery Tax, Budget "A" -----	261.00	
Minister's Pension Premium -----	500.00	
Duplex Envelopes -----	70.00	
Other Church supplies -----	90.00	
General Church activities -----	100.00	
Young People's Work and Adult Leadership Training -----	125.00	
Flowers -----	75.00	
Advertising -----	100.00	
Contingencies -----	115.00	
Laundry -----	50.00	1486.00

Carried forward ----- \$ 9371.00

Brought Forward----- \$ 9371.00

ITEMS CONTROLLED BY SESSION-

Minister-----	\$ 3750.00		
Assistant Minister-----	1750.00		
Parish Secretary-----	1440.00		
Additional Secretarial Work for minister-----	150.00		
Pulpit Supply-----	150.00	\$ 7240.00	
Music-			
Salaries-----	1875.00		
Music-----	56.25		
Gowns-----	93.75	2025.00	
Week Day School-----		125.00	
Equalization Fund-----		78.75	9468.75
Total Operating Budget-----			18,839.75

BENEVOLENT FUND
PROPOSED BUDGET

April 1, 1947-December 31, 1947

Presbytery Tax, Budget "A"-----	\$ 261.00		
Presbytery Tax, Budget "B"-----	288.00		
Boards of the Church and Agencies-			
Board of National Missions-----	\$1738.44		
Board of Foreign Missions-----	1283.04		
Board of Christian Education---	764.28		
Board of Pensions-----	440.00		
Theological Seminaries-----	138.60		
American Bible Society-----	23.76		
Federal Council of Churches of Christ-----	11.88	4400.00	
New York State Council of Churches	15.00		
Auburn Theological Seminary-----	37.50		
Westminster Foundation-Pennsylvania			
State College-----	37.50		
Park College-----	37.50		
World Council of Churches-----	18.75		
Emergency Church Expansion-----	75.00		
Contingencies-----	162.50	383.75	5,332.75
Total Benevolent Budget-----		5332.75	
Total Operating and Benevolent Budgets-----			\$ 24,172.50

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS-

Plate Collections-----	\$ 1690.00		
Dividends-----	283.50		
Contributions from Youth Budget---	375.00		2,348.50
Necessary to raise by subscription-----			\$ 21,824.00

PROPOSED YOUTH BUDGET
April 1, 1947 - December 31, 1947

OPERATING FUND- (OUR OWN EXPENSES)

EDUCATIONAL-

Regular Lesson Materials and Supplies -----	\$ 270.00	
Special Materials-----	60.00	
Visual Education-----	90.00	
Music-----	50.00	\$ 470.00

OPERATING-

Church Support-----	75.00	
Youth Budget Promotion-----	15.00	
Duplex Offering Envelopes-----	60.00	
Records and Stationery Supplies-----	30.00	180.00

AWARDS AND ACTIVITIES-

Attendance Awards-----	75.00	
Social Activities-----	100.00	
Expense of Conference Delegates-----	50.00	225.00

MISCELLANEOUS-----

		25.00
Total Operating Budget-----	\$	900.00

BENEVOLENT FUND - (OUR GIFTS TO OTHERS)

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BOARDS AND AGENCIES-

Board of National Missions-----	\$ 100.00	
Board of Foreign Missions-----	80.00	
Board of Christian Education-----	40.00	
Board of Pensions-----	20.00	
Seminaries-----	20.00	
American Bible Society-----	10.00	
Federal Council of Churches-----	5.00	\$ 275.00

Buffalo-Niagara Presbytery, Budget "B"-----	25.00	
Niagara County Council of Churches-----	20.00	
Presbyterian Restoration Fund-----	50.00	
Special and Miscellaneous-----	30.00	125.00

Total Benevolent Budget-----	\$	400.00
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Total Operating and Benevolent Budgets----- 1300.00

APPENDIX BMINUTES OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 10, 1947

Niagara Falls, New York
January 3, 1947

To the Session of the
First Presbyterian Society of Niagara
Niagara Falls, New York

Following is report of meeting of the Committee for memorial to those who gave their lives in World War II. The meeting was held at the church on December 17, 1946, and present were Mrs. William Morton, Newman Gray, Everll W. Jewett, of the Committee, Mr. C. C. Berryhill, pastor, and Mr. Heimer, of the Heimer Company.

The subject of memorial windows was discussed at length, especially in connection with possible remodeling of the front of the church building.

There are now three windows in the front of the building, and Mr. Heimer expressed his opinion that a pleasing effect could not be obtained without installing a series of works in all three windows.

After considerable discussion, it was the consensus of opinion of all present that it would be impractical to try to design windows now which would fit into any plans for remodeling while it is unknown what form of extent of alteration of the building might be involved.

In view of the uncertainties regarding installation of memorial windows at the present time, suggestion was offered that a memorial fund of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) be set up and that a memorial book containing the names of those who gave their lives, and suitable inscription be obtained at once. This fund would be used for installation of memorial window or windows at the time of alteration of the church building, at which time the design can be adapted to the architecture of the project, or this fund might be used for other suitable memorial which might be obtained at an earlier date at the discretion of the church boards. The fund would be raised by popular subscription. The Committee concurred with this suggestion, and recommends that such fund and memorial book be established.

THE COMMITTEE

E. W. Jewett, Chairman
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APPENDIX CMINUTES OF CONGRAGATIONAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 10, 1947REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR
PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT

In a letter to the Congregation on January 23, the general outline of your committee's activities was given so there is no use reiterating them. Since that letter was sent, the committee has had two meetings with the architect and have gone over various plans and suggestions, but the time has been far too short to have any more than just canvassed the problems before us.

There are obviously three objects we wish to attain, increasing our facilities for education and recreation for the children and young people, and lastly improvement and change in worship facilities - looking toward increased seating capacity, vestibule space and beautifying the front of the church. At present we have nothing in the way of drawings or plans to present as the time has been too short.

You will remember that our budget during the past two years, and again in our budget this year, has included an item of \$1,000.00 for the physical development of the church. So far we have the authorization of the Board of Trustees to use up to \$500.00 of this fund (over \$2,000.00 has so far been collected) for architects' fees. As we have progressed in our consultations with the architect and also with having engaged Mr. Scheuringer, the architect of the Presbyterian National Board, as consultant and his fee is at least \$125.00 as a retainer. In view of this we feel that the \$500.00 appropriated will be inadequate. From our contact with the Board of Trustees, we feel that they would like an expression of opinion or a motion from the congregation authorizing their action and if further expenditures are necessary, to include that in your suggestion or motion.

It was the opinion of your committee that as this money is already in the budget for that purpose and has been collected, that such permission had by that act, been practically granted. The committee feels that in order to get a full comprehensive over-all plan, the preliminary cost will run well over the \$500.00 already appropriated, and would ask that an additional sum, possibly up to \$500.00 more be authorized.

Your committee will welcome and invites suggestions from all members for improvements and changes that will help them to secure the best possible plan which will meet our needs.

Respectfully submitted

COMMITTEE ON PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

(Signed) A. M. Rooker

Chairman

February 10, 1947

SESSION MINUTES

MARCH 3, 1947

The regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was held on Monday evening, March 3, at 7.30 o'clock.

Present- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Elders Keith Demmon, C. J. Elderfield, Dr. R. C. Snowden, E. A. Montgomery, John Guinther, W. E. Mack, Richard Shubert.

Absent- Elders B. E. Field, T. L. Bishop, W. N. Baxter, Stuart Fleming and E. W. Jewett.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Charles C. Berryhill.

The minutes of the meeting of February 3, 1947, were read and approved with the following changes- Referring to Mr. Berryhill's Fund, the words "in his fund" should be changed to read "in the Pastor's Fund." The words Assistant Treasurer should read "Acting Treasurer."

The Committee headed by Mr. B. E. Field reported on the Officers' Training Course. A motion was made by Mr. Mack and seconded by Mr. Guinther that the report be accepted was carried.

Mr. Stuart Fleming has moved from the city. Mr. Fleming's letter of resignation was read. On motion of Mr. Demmon, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Fleming's resignation was accepted with deep regret, and the motion was carried. The motion included a letter to Mr. Fleming to be written by the Clerk.

The Session directed the minister to appoint a member of the Session to the Nominating Committee in place of Stuart Fleming, resigned, and the Session authorizes the Nominating Committee to nominate a candidate to fill the position in the Session vacated by Mr. Fleming.

The Session directed the minister to confer with a representative of the Gideon Society who has asked to speak at some time in our Church. The minister will use his judgment as to how much time shall be given to such representative. A local man may have a few minutes but a "big man" may have a whole service. It is not expected that the Gideons shall have the whole plate collection, but there appears to be no objection to a special collection by way of special envelopes if desired.

Mr. Mack believes that the Benevolent Fund collections will come within \$ 150.00 of the Budget for the year just ending. In order to insure the carrying out of our obligations to the various Boards, it was moved by Mr. Mack and seconded by Mr. Guinther that the Session ask the Trustees to make up any possible Benevolent Budget shortage from the Operating Fund. Carried. Mr. Mack will be responsible for carrying this resolution to the Trustees.

Mr. Berryhill reported on his efforts to secure a candidate for Assistant Minister. Several schools were consulted. Princeton appears to have the only available personnel. Mr. Berryhill would like to have permission to undertake a trip to Princeton for consultation and spend the necessary funds for the trip. It was moved by Mr. Elderfield and seconded by Mr. Demmon that the permission be given. Carried.

At this time, nominations for officers of the Sunday School are usually presented to the Session for approval. These nominations have not appeared. Mr. Berryhill suggests that the Sunday School Committee of the Session headed by Keith Demmon, be authorized to approve the nominations when and if such nominations appear. A motion was made by Mr. Mack, seconded by Mr. Elderfield and carried, that this be done.

The accident which happened to the trays at the Communion Service on Ash Wednesday called for some discussion as to means for preventing accidents in the future. Nothing has been decided, but there appears to be a distinct preference for silver trays if purchase of new ones should be contemplated.

The Pastor's Fund shows no income and no expenditure. The amount on hand remains \$ 401.14.

REPORTS-

The Acting Treasurer's Financial reports were read and approved. Showing the following balances-

Benevolent Fund- Cash on hand \$ 153.68, with all benevolences for the current year paid except \$ 600.00 to the Boards of the Church.

Restoration Fund- Total collections to date- \$ 10,924.70.
Balance yet to be collected ----- 3,520.30

Physical Development Fund-
Total on hand ----- \$ 2,278.66

A Church Party to be held on April 30, 1947, was suggested and approved. This affair is to be known as "The Congregational Party to include the Recognition of New Members," the members who have joined the church during the past year to be emphasized.

Mr. Mack believes that the church membership rolls should be revised. There was considerable discussion but no action.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer offered by Mr. Berryhill.

Ralph C. Snowden
R. C. Snowden, Clerk.

April 2, 1947.

SESSION MINUTES

The Session met just following the Preparatory Service on Wednesday evening, April 2, 1947.

Present- Moderator Charles C. Berryhill and Elders- E. A. Montgomery, B. E. Field, John Guinther, W. E. Mack, W. N. Baxter, E. W. Jewett and Richard Shubert.

Absent- Elders R. C. Snowden, Keith Demmon, T. L. Bishop and C.J. Elderfield.

The meeting followed Preparatory Service.

A motion was made by Richard Shubert and seconded by John Guinther that the following persons be accepted into the fellowship of the church by letter- Carried.

Mrs. Kathryn Olney Rogala- Letter from Lake Street Presbyterian Church, Elmira, N.Y.

Maynard B. Brodbeck- Letter from the Jefferson Evangelical and Reformed Church, Codorus, Pa.

Horace K. Shoenberger- Letter from Christ Evangelical and Reformed Church, Packerton, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Baeckler- Letter from Methodist Church, Rocky River, Ohio.

Jack Dawson- Letter from Central Presbyterian Church, Buffalo, New York.

A motion was made by E. W. Jewett and seconded by E. A. Montgomery that the following be accepted on Profession of Faith. Carried.

Louis Vargas

Donald Mensinger

Mary Etta Mensinger

Stanley Rogala

Mr. Berryhill reported progress in reference to securing as assistant and that he is considering Wallace Easter, a Princeton student who was a visitor of the Church Sunday, March 30th.

The meeting was closed with benediction by Rev. Charles C. Berryhill.

W E Mack
W. E. Mack, Clerk Pro tem

April 3, 1947.

SESSION MINUTES

The Session met on Thursday evening, April 3, preceding the Communion Service.

Present- Keith Demmon, C. J. Elderfield, E. A. Montgomery, B. E. Field, John Guinther, W. E. Mack, E. W. Jewett and Richard Shubert, and Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

Absent- Elders R. C. Snowdon, T. L. Bishop, W. N. Baxter.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Charles C. Berryhill.

Upon motion by C. J. Elderfield, seconded by E. A. Montgomery, the following were received into church membership-

BY LETTER- John D. Scully, Jr. Letter from 1st Presbyterian Church, McKeesport, Pa.
Mr. Douglas Moss, Letter from Pierce Avenue Presbyterian Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
Mrs. Douglas Moss- Letter from Baptist Church, Carbondale, Pa.
Mrs. John Irwin Jenkinson, Letter from Epiphany Episcopal Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
Mr. Wm. Goldwyn Phillips- Drummond Hill Church, Ontario

CONFESSION OF FAITH-

Willard Belden	David Templeton
Jaquelin Bertrand	Robert Vanderhoek
William Campbell, Jr.	Louis Vargas
Alan Darby	John Williamson
Matthew Laughlin, Jr.	
Donald Mensinger	
Mrs. Mary Etta Mensinger	
Edward A. Montgomery, Jr.	
Stanley Rogala	
Raymond Scott	

A motion was made by Mr. C. J. Elderfield, seconded by Mr. E. W. Jewett that Kenneth Housman be received by re-affirmation of Faith, as at one time he was a member of the Hollis Presbyterian Church, Hollis, Long Island. Carried.

The meeting was adjourned to Communion Service.

Closed with Benediction.

W E Mack

Summary Members Easter Season- Letter- 11
Confession 14/8
Reconfession 1

Total--- 30
26.

SESSION MINUTES

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church met at 7:15 P.M. on April 14, 1947, just preceding the Annual meeting.

Present- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Elders Keith Demmon, R. C. Snowdon, B. E. Field, John Guinther, W. E. Mack, W. N. Baxter, E. W. Jewett, Richard Shubert.

Absent- Elders E. A. Montgomery, T. L. Bishop and C. J. Elderfield.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Charles C. Berryhill.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The date of Sunday, April 20, 1947, for the Ordination of New Elders, for the Installation of newly elected Ruling Elders and the Recognition of newly elected Trustees was approved.

The Pulpit Exchange with Rev. H. M. Coulter, pastor of the Knox Presbyterian Church of St. Catherines, Ontario on April 27, 1947, was approved.

Mrs. Earl Johnston, 3818 Macklem Avenue, requested that her name be dropped from the Church roll. This was approved.

Messrs. Berryhill, Guinther and Snowdon were asked to work out some appropriate method for recognizing the Basketball Team and its fine and its fine spirit.

Mr. W. E. Mack was elected representative to Presbytery at Covenant Presbyterian Church on April 15, 1947.

New Life Movement Booklets were distributed to members of the Session. The Session also acted to enroll the movement and to co-operate in the way our Presbytery has requested.

"Church Announcer." The minister reported that he has learned from the Wahl Printing Company that 700 copies of a "Church Announcer" would cost about \$ 19.75, mailing expense of say \$ 7.00 would make the weekly cost nearly \$ 27.00. No action was taken.

The ladies promoting the congregational party on April 30 appear to need financial help. It was voted to allow this group \$ 50.00 from Session funds to cover expenses.

Reports for March 1947 by Jean McLaren, covering Benevolent Fund, Physical Development and Restoration Fund were presented- Balances on hand as follows- Benevolent Fund- \$ 140.15; Physical Development- \$ 2,362.00; Restoration- amount forwarded to Treasurer to date- \$ 11,011.85, leaving \$ 3,433.15 yet to be collected on project. The reports were approved and ordered filed.

SESSION MINUTES- April 14, continued

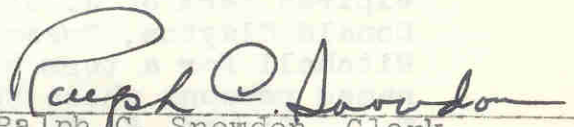
Rev. C. C. Berryhill reported on recent membership and other changes as follows-

By Letter -----	33	Dismissals -----	42
Confession -----	34	Death -----	16
Reaffirmation -----	10	Total -----	58
Baptism -----	6	Net gain-----	25
	<u>83</u>		<u>83</u>

The present membership is 1212.

On April 13, 1947, 10 infants were baptized.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Mr. Berryhill at 7.45 P.M.


Ralph C. Snowdon, Clerk.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
APRIL 14, 1947

The Annual Congregational Meeting of the First Presbyterian Society of Niagara was called to order by Rev. Charles C. Berryhill April 14, 1947. The polls were declared open at 7:50 P.M. The meeting opened with prayer by Rev. C.C. Berryhill.

Mr. Fred B. Hill was nominated for Chairman of the meeting by B. E. Field. Messrs. Keith Demmon and W. E. Mack moved and seconded the nominations be closed. Carried. Mr. Hill therefore became chairman of the meeting.

Mr. W. E. Mack, Chairman of the Nominating Committee for members of the Session and members of the Board of Trustees reported as follows-

For Members of the Session:-

Colin Macdonald for a term of one year to complete the un-expired term of J. Stuart Fleming, resigned.

Donald Clayton, Russell Look, James G. Marshall, William H. Mitchell for a term of three years in place of the following named persons whose terms have expired-

T. L. Bishop, B. E. Field, John Guinther, W. E. Mack.

For Members of the Board of Trustees-

Harry P. Brown

John Hawley

Mrs. Thomas Crosse

Douglas Robertson

for a term of three years in place of the following named persons whose terms have expired-

S. L. Burns

Mrs. John McCollum

Fred B. Hill

E. R. Werner

Miss Jean McLaren, Acting Treasurer of the Church, presented annual reports for the year April 1, 1946 to March 31, 1947, covering Operating Fund, Benevolent Fund, Physical Development Reserve Fund, Restoration Fund, Youth Budget, Endowment Funds and Assets and Liabilities.

Mr. E. R. Werner and Mrs. William Campbell moved and seconded the approval and acceptance of the Acting Treasurer's Reports and included thanks to Miss Jean McLaren for her splendid work. Carried.

Mr. Keith Demmon gave an informative report on the affairs of the Sunday School.

The following reports were rendered and where it was deemed appropriate, motions were made, seconded and carried with thanks to the participants for the fine work of the various groups.

Mrs. William Campbell reported on the work of the Women's Church and Missionary Society.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING-
continued April 14, 1947.

Mrs. Ruth Ginther reported on the work of the Presbyterian Guild.

Mrs. Genevieve Wright reported on the work of the Westminster Guild in the absence of Mrs. Dora Outsterhout, President.

Mr. Russell M. Look reported on the work of the Younger Married Couples' Club.

The Twenty One Forty Club report had been prepared by Mr. Horace Schoenberger, President, and was read in his absence by R. C. Snowdon.

A report from the Young People's Society was read by R. C. Snowdon in the absence of an officer of this group.

Mr. Fred B. Hill reported for the Boy Scouts in the absence of a regular officer of that group.

The Girl Scouts were represented by Miss Alice Griffin, Leader, who reported on the activities of this group. Mr. Berryhill noted that the Girl Scouts represent a very active and fine troop.

Mr. E. W. Jewett reported on the War Memorial Committee activities. A written report is on file.

The Philathea Class was represented by Mrs. Carl Stark who reported fully on activities.

Mr. Colin Macdonald reported generally on the activities of the Adult Bible Class. There was no written report.

Mr. Richard Shubert gave a short report on the Ushers' Group.

Rev. Charles C. Berryhill gave the following Pastor's Report-

Number of persons received during the year by Letter-	33
Number received by Confession of Faith -----	34
Number received by Reaffirmation -----	10
Number received by Baptism -----	6
Total -----	<u>83</u>

Number of Baptisms (Infants) -----	30
Number of Dismissals -----	42
Number of Deaths -----	16

Net gain ----- 25

Present Membership -----1212

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
continued- April 14, 1947.

Mr. W. E. Mack reported on the progress of the Budget for April 1, 1947- December 31, 1947.

Mr. William Campbell reported generally on the Youth Budget.

Dr. A. M. Rooker gave a short talk in the matter of the Physical Development Committee.

Messrs. Norman Duffett and Keith Demmon moved and seconded that the polls be closed, more than one hour having elapsed since the Nominating Committee report had been presented. Carried.

It was moved and seconded by Messrs. B. E. Field and W. E. Mack that the Nominating Committee report be approved as presented and that the Clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for the list. Carried. There were no nominations from the floor.

The Nominating Committee to cover nominations for the Session and Board of Trustees prior to the Congregational meeting to be held in January 1948, was elected as follows-

Mr. Mack nominated Mr. E. W. Jewett

Mr. Demmon nominated Mr. Mark M. Templeton

Mr. Duffett nominated Mr. George M. Bramann

Mr. Bramann nominated Mrs. J. R. Dawson.

Dr. A. M. Rooker and Mr. John Guinther moved and seconded that the nominations be closed and that the Clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for the list. Carried.

Mr. Duffett suggested that thanks be rendered to the old Nominating Committee for its good and acceptable work.

Mr. John Guinther and Dr. A. M. Rooker moved and seconded that the Session arrange for the next annual meeting with a view to increasing interest and attendance. Carried.

Mr. B. E. Field and Mr. Keith Demmon moved and seconded that the next Annual meeting of the First Presbyterian Society be held the third Monday in January, viz:- January 19, 1948, and that the period of nine months, until the next annual meeting, be considered the equivalent of one year's service for the church officers. Carried.

It was moved and seconded by Messrs. Keith Demmon and J. R. Dawson that the Board of Trustees select a Director of the next Every Member Enrollment and that the Session elect a Director of the Youth Budget for 1948, not later than the regular September meetings of these Boards. Carried.


CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
continued- April 14, 1947.

These minutes were read by the Clerk just before adjournment. After certain corrections had been made, Dr. A. M. Rooker and Mr. B. E. Field moved and seconded that the minutes be accepted. Carried.

Rev. Charles C. Berryhill closed the meeting with prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

There were thirty six members of the congregation present.


Ralph C. Snowden, Clerk.

May 5, 1947.

SESSION MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was held on Monday evening, May 5, at 7.30 P. M.

Present- Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Elders W. H. Mitchell, J. G. Marshall, Donald Clayton, Russell Look, Wm. Baxter, Richard Shubert, Keith Demmon, C. J. Elderfield and E. A. Montgomery.

Absent- Elders E. W. Jewett (ill) and R. C. Snowdon (out of city)

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

The minutes of the meeting of April 14, 1947, were read and approved.

The Moderator stated that the first order of business was the organization of the Session for the coming year and that it was in order to elect a clerk and various committees of the Session. Thereupon, Dr. R. C. Snowdon was nominated to serve as clerk for the coming year and on motion by Mr. Shubert and seconded by Mr. Mitchell and unanimously adopted, the nominations were closed.

On motion by Mr. Demmon, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, and unanimously adopted, the clerk was directed to cast a ballot for Dr. Snowdon as clerk.

The Moderator presented a suggested list of committees of the Session to serve for the coming year. On motion duly made by Mr. Baxter and seconded by Mr. Shubert, the following committees were elected:-

- PULPIT- Colin Macdonald, Chairman; C.J.Elderfield,Wm. Baxter.
- MISSIONS- C.J.Elderfield, Chairman; J.G.Marshall,Donald Clayton.
- FINANCE- E.A.Montgomery, Chairman; J.G.Marshall, Richard Shubert.
- MUSIC- E. W. Jewett, Chairman; Russell Look, R. C. Snowdon.
- SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUNG PEOPLE- Keith Demmon, Chairman; Russell Look, Donald Clayton.
- USHERING- Richard Shubert.
- COMMUNION- Richard Shubert, Chairman; W. H. Mitchell, Wm. Baxter, Colin Macdonald.
- COUNCIL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION- Russell Look.
- PASTOR'S FUND- C. J. Elderfield, Chairman, W. H. Mitchell.
- SPECIAL AND WEEK DAY SERVICES- Colin Macdonald,Chairman; Keith Demmon, R.C.Snowdon.
- SPECIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE- Wm. Kremers, Chairman; J. G. Marshall,Wm. Campbell H.E.Morrill.

May 5, Minutes continued

Rev. Wallace E. Easter

The Moderator stated that the new assistant minister, ~~was~~ was expected to arrive and take up his duties about June 1.

Mr. Montgomery presented the Treasurer's report for the month of April, 1947. These reports were as follows:

BENEVOLENT FUND

Receipts-----	\$ 857.12
Disbursements -----	96.00
Cash on hand April 30, 1947 -----	761.12

RESTORATION FUND

Total receipts through April -----	\$11084.35
Balance to be collected -----	3360.65

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT RESERVE FUND

Cash on hand April 1 -----	\$ 2362.00
Receipts -----	83.33
Balance April 30, 1947 -----	2445.33

The Moderator stated that there were still matters to be handled by the Committee which had been in charge of the solicitation for the Restoration Fund and that the committee at the present time consisted on Messrs. B. E. Field, A. M. Rooker and H. E. Morrill. He recommended that this committee, with Mr. Field as Chairman, continue to serve as the Restoration Fund Committee and follow the matter to conclusion. Approved.

Mr. Demmon reported for the Sunday School Committee that it has been decided to keep the Sunday School open through July and decide from the results during that month whether to continue during the month of August.

The Moderator reported that there had been no income and no expenditures in the Pastor's Fund during the month.

On motion duly made by Mr. Elderfield and seconded by Mr. Demmon, it was agreed that a letter be sent to Mrs. Neal Johnson, General Chairman of the Congregational Party, thanking her and her committee for the able handling of this party.

The Moderator emphasized that thought should be given to ways in which social contacts among members of the church could be developed and asked that consideration be given to this problem.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with prayer.

Edward A. Montgomery
E.A. Montgomery, Clerk pro tem

June 2, 1947.

SESSION MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was held on Monday evening, June 2, at 7:30 o'clock.

Present- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Elders Keith Demmon, C. J. Elderfield, Dr. R. C. Snowdon, E. W. Jewett, J. G. Marshall, Donald Clayton, W. H. Mitchell, Russell Look, E. A. Montgomery.

Absent- W. N. Baxter, Richard Shubert, Colin Macdonald.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. J. G. Marshall.

The minutes of the meeting of May 5, 1947, were read. It was suggested that the name of our Assistant Minister, Rev. Wallace E. Easter, be recorded at this point. With this insertion, the minutes were approved.

Miss Jean McLaren, Church Treasurer, reported the condition of the Memorial Fund as of June 2, as follows:-

Total number of pledges -----	104	-----amount	\$ 797.50
Number paid in full -----	85	-----"	627.50
Number of unpaid pledges -----	19	-----"	153.00
Partial payments of three of above -----		-----"	17.00
Total cash received tp date -----		-----"	644.50
Total unpaid pledges to date -----		-----"	153.00

Miss McLaren also reported the status of the Benevolent Fund for May, 1947, as follows:-

Total receipts -----	\$ 1112.53
Disbursed to Boards of Church-----	500.00
Cash on hand May 31, 1947	\$ 612.53

Miss McLaren reported the status of the Restoration Fund as follows: -

Total money subscribed to Fund -----	\$ 14,445.00
Total money collected and forwarded to	
J. Allan Locke, Treasurer of the Fund -----	11,326.85
Amount to be collected on project-----	\$ 3,118.15

Mr. Montgomery reported that the Finance Committee has set up a policy for the handling of the Benevolent Fund by the Church Treasurer. It is recommended that \$ 100.00 be kept in the Fund until the end of the Budget year in order to have money on hand for any special call. It was also recommended that one half the Benevolences outside of the Boards and Agencies shall be paid during the first part of the Budget Year and that the other half shall be paid during the last month of the Budget Year, if money is available. All funds beyond the \$ 100.00 mentioned shall be distributed at the end of each month.

It was agreed that all moneys collected on Children's Day in the special envelopes marked "Children's Day" be channeled through the Youth Budget.

SESSION MINUTES, continued

Mr. Demmon, Chairman of the Sunday School and Young People's Committee, wishes to note that Promotion Sunday will be held June 22, 1947, and that the Sunday School Picnic will be held on June 21, 1947. Mr. Demmon also reported that the matter of the new Projector is not yet settled and that the kind of Projector to be obtained depends somewhat on price and delivery. It is estimated that the price may be around \$ 450.00. Several of the church groups are contributing liberally. It was generally agreed that the Trustees be asked to allot \$ 50.00 from the \$ 100.00 fund which was recently turned over to the Trustees by the Laymen's Association, the \$ 50.00 to be used in connection with the Projector purchase.

The Moderator stated for record that the next Communion will be held on Sunday, June 22, 1947, and that the Preparatory Service will be held on the evening of the preceding Friday, June 20, 1947.

Russell Look, member of the Council of Religious Education, reported that the City Day Schools do not respond to advances having to do with the use of time for religious instruction in the schools themselves, which leaves the time for religious training in the hands of the Churches.

The Pastor's Fund is reported as showing no receipts and no expenditures during May.

A Recognition Service for the Assistant minister, Rev. Wallace E. Easter is being planned for the regular morning service on June 15. It is expected that Mr. Easter may preach at this service.

Conditions are such that an Official Reception for Mr. and Mrs. Easter, although desirable at an early date, will not be practicable before Fall, perhaps in September.

The Pulpit Committee was instructed to prepare a preaching schedule for August. The Committee was also instructed to prepare a contract outlining the relationship between Mr. Easter and the Session. This contract should redound to the benefit of both parties and should be signed by Mr. Easter and the Clerk of the Session.

The Moderator spoke about plans already formulated in connection with the New Life Movement and suggested Mr. J. R. Dawson for Chairman of a Committee to carry out the provisions of the movement. It was moved by Mr. Mitchell and seconded by Mr. Demmon that Mr. Dawson be asked to head the Committee. Carried.

The Presbytery Meeting will be held June 10, 1947, at Griffin's Mills. One of the following named Elders will be asked to attend the meeting- Mr. Norman Duffett, Mr. J. G. Marshall or Mr. W. E. Mack.

June 2, 1947.

SESSION MINUTES, continued

The Boy Scouts wish to hold dinner meetings in the church on June 16 and 26; they also wish to hold report meetings on June 19 and 23. It was moved and seconded by Messrs. Elderfield and Mitchell that this request of the Scouts be granted and without any expense to them for the use of the Church.

Mr. Berryhill is considering the formation of a Planning Conference for the year ahead. This Conference will be composed of the many groups active in church affairs.

The Lord's Day Alliance has asked the Session to respect its annual gift of \$ 25.00. Mr. Elderfield moved and Mr. Mitchell seconded, that the sum of \$ 25.00 from the Benevolent Fund be sent to Mr. Bowlby, D. D., General Secretary. Carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill.

Ralph C. Snowdon
Ralph C. Snowdon, Clerk.
(S.C.M.)

APPROVED

The Presbytery of Buffalo-Niagara

Edward Young Moderator

Date 6/10/47

June 20, 1947.

SESSION MINUTES

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church met on Friday evening, June 20, 1947, just following the Preparatory Service.

Present- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Elders Dr. R. C. Snowdon, E. A. Montgomery, E. W. Jewett, Richard Shubert, J. G. Marshall, Donald Clayton, W. H. Mitchell, Russell Look and Colin Macdonald.

Absent- Elders W. N. Baxter, Keith Demmon and C. J. Elderfield.

Since the meeting followed closely the Preparatory Service, there was no opening prayer.

A short address was made by Rev. C. C. Berryhill, affecting the following named prospective members and questions were asked in connection with their Confession of Faith-

The prospective members are:-

Mrs (Douglas) Margaret Robertson- 2483 Linwood Avenue

Miss Virginia Noll- 447½ Ninth St.

Miss Joyce Brooks- 448 Sixth St. *Is this Brooks*

Mr. Berryhill recommended that these persons be received as members of the Church. Mr. Montgomery moved, and Mr. Macdonald seconded that this be done. Carried.

Mr. Berryhill offered a short prayer. He gave instructions to the candidates about the Communion Service on June 22, and they were dismissed.

Mr. Macdonald reported for the Pulpit Committee in the matter of a contract or agreement with Rev. Wallace E. Easter and offered the following salient points-

"The Pulpit Committee of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church recommends to the Session that the contract between the Session and our new Assistant Minister, Rev. Wallace E. Easter include the following terms:-

That Mr. Easter be paid \$ 250.00 per month in salary in regular monthly payments.

That the Church pay its full share of the Assistant's Minister's Pension Premium.

That Mr. Easter be given one month's vacation per year at such time as may be arranged in agreement with the Pastor, Mr. Berryhill, and approved by the Session.

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That the Assistant Minister continue in his position for a minimum period of one year and that either the Session or the Assistant Minister advise the other of any intention of dissolving this relationship at least one month in advance of such dissolution.

That the work of Mr. Easter will be entirely under the direction of the Pastor, Mr. Berryhill, and the Pastor will assume full responsibility."

It was moved by Mr. Macdonald and seconded by Mr. Shubert that the Session accept the proposed contract which shall be signed by Mr. Easter and the Clerk of the Session.

The Gideons propose to put a man in our pulpit on July 13. It was moved by Mr. Macdonald and seconded by Mr. Shubert that their man can appear on that date or on some Sunday which is agreeable to our minister. Carried. Again we note that our regular church collection may not be involved, but that special envelopes or other special means may be employed with respect to any possible appeal for funds.

The Veterans Hospital Programs organization wishes to use our auditorium on Friday evening, July 18. The Larkin Sisters and other talent will be used. The object appears to be the supplying of radios to disabled veterans. The activity will include singing, both professional and group. They will take a collection. The Session approved.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M. after prayer by Rev. Charles C. Berryhill.


Ralph C. Snowden, Clerk.

July 7, 1947.

Session Minutes

The regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was held on Monday evening, July 7, at 7:30 o'clock.

Present- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill, Rev. Wallace E. Easter and Elders Dr. R. C. Snowdon, E. A. Montgomery, Richard Shubert, J. G. Marshall, Donald Clayton, W. H. Mitchell, Russell Look and Colin Macdonald.

Absent-Elders W. N. Baxter, Keith Demmon, C. J. Elderfield and E. W. Jewett.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Wallace E. Easter.

The minutes of the Session meeting of June 20, 1947, were read and approved as read.

Miss McLaren's Reports covering Benevolent Fund, Restoration Fund, Physical Development Fund and Memorial Fund were read and approved, showing balances as follows-

Benevolent Fund-

Disbursed to Boards ----- \$ 600.00

Balance on hand ----- 567.84

Restoration Fund-

Total now forwarded to Treasurer- 11,391.85

Amount to be collected on project- 3,053.15

Physical Development-

Total on hand ----- 2,612.00

Memorial Fund-

Total pledges to date ----- 1,589.70

Mr. Berryhill reported on the plans of the Committee which is in charge of the Memorial Fund. It appears that the Memorial Book will soon be dedicated.

It appears that the Plans of the General Assembly call for a materially increased Budget for 1948. Mr. Berryhill explained the reason for this need.

Donald Clayton spoke about the Sunday School Picnic of two weeks ago. There were 216 persons present; it was a pleasant, sunny day; there were many activities. It was regarded as a success.

Mr. Easter reported on plans for Young People's activities for next year.

Mr. Dawson declined the chairmanship of the New Life Movement Committee. No other persons have yet appeared to serve. It was moved by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Clayton, that Mr. Berryhill be charged with the finding and appointment of a chairman for this Committee. Carried.

Session Minutes, continued
July 7, 1947.

The Pastor's Fund has decreased \$ 4.00 since last reported, due to expenditures of a desirable nature.

The Trustees have invited the Session to appoint a committee to serve with him in the matter of church improvement. It was moved and seconded by Messrs. MacDonald and Shubert that the Moderator appoint a committee consisting of two Elders and a number of women from the congregation, say three, to this committee. Carried.

It was moved by Mr. Macdonald and seconded by Mr. Look that the Board of Trustees be asked to reimburse Mr. Easter for the expenses incurred in moving his possessions to Niagara Falls, and that the Trustees be so informed by the Clerk of the Session. Carried.

Mrs. Staneslow's report on Junior Church activities was read as an interesting document and approved. The report covered September 29, 1946 to June 15, 1947.

It was moved by Mr. Macdonald and seconded by Mr. Mitchell that one outside minister be secured for some Sunday in August. Carried.

The meeting closed at 9:30 P.M. with prayer by Mr. Berryhill and Mr. Clayton.

Ralph C. Snowden
Clerk.

September 8, 1947.

SESSION MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Session was held on Monday evening, September 8, at 7:30 o'clock.

Present- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Rev. Wallace E. Easter, and Elders- C. J. Elderfield, E. W. Jewett, Russell Look, Colin Macdonald, J. G. Marshall, W. H. Mitchell, Richard Shubert and Dr. R. C. Snowdon.

Absent- Keith Demmon, Donald Clayton, E. A. Montgomery.

The meeting was opening with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

The minutes of the meeting of July 7 were read and approved except for the date of closing which should read 9:30 P.M.

In accord with statement made on page 86 of minutes of July 7, 1947, Mr. Easter's moving expenses have been taken care of.

Mr. Jewett presented a letter written by the Music Director, Miss Alice B. Trott, which outlined her plans for the next few months, especially with regard to Mrs. Brumbaugh, soprano, and the purchase of some five new gowns. It was moved and seconded by Messrs. Jewett and Mitchell that Miss Trott's arrangements be approved. Carried.

Mr. Look reported that the first Fall Session of the Sunday School on September 7, 1947 had its usual attendance and the start was considered very good.

Mr. Easter reported on Young People's Activities. He is pleased with the meeting which was held on Sunday evening, September 7th. He asked about what funds may have been appropriated for Young People's work. We note that an item of \$ 125.00 appears in the April 1, 1947, Budget for this work. He also spoke about possible and desirable activities. He would like to see one young person at each door of the church at the time of the morning service, and at the street door level.

Mr. Shubert reported on the ushers. The work appears to be well cared for.

Mr. Berryhill announced that the next Communion Service will be held on October 5, 1947. The Preparatory Service will be held on the preceding Friday evening, October 3rd.

Some time was given to discussion of details for handling the reception of new members. The matter will be brought up at the next Session meeting.

The Pastor's Fund shows no income and no expenditures.

The Treasurer's reports were read and approved and are as follows-

BENEVOLENT FUND

Total Receipts-----\$ \$ 1987.73

Disbursements-

Boards of the Church -----\$ 1450.00

Presbytery Tax, Budget A. last pmt. 261.00

" " " B 2nd pmt. 96.00

Gift- N.Y. Council of Churches ----- 15.00

Gift- Auburn Theological Seminary -- 37.50

Westminster Foundation- Penn State Col. 37.50

\$ 1897.00

Cash on hand August 31 ----- 90.73

\$ 1987.73

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT- showed an amount of \$ 2818.75 on hand.

MEMORIAL FUND- showed an amount of \$ 1,632.77 on hand

RESTORATION FUND SHOWED- Total money forwarded to D. Allan

Locke, Treasurer ----- \$ 11,533.10

To be collected ----- 2,911.90

In connection with the New Life Movement (see page 85 of minutes of July 7) Mr. Berryhill has appointed Messrs. Howard E. Morrill and Clarence E. Jackson, as co-chairmen.

Mr. Berryhill discussed plans for Elders' activities preceding the World Wide Communion on October 5th.

Following a recent invitation of the Trustees to set up wanted changes in the physical condition of the Church, Mr. W.H. Mitchell reported in writing dated September 4, 1947. This report was approved with some additions and changes. Copies of the amended report have been sent by the Clerk to Mr. George Bramann, President of the Board of Trustees at his request.

A meeting of the Presbytery will be held at the Westminster Church, Buffalo, on September 23, at 1:30 P.M., and will carry on through the evening, for the sake of those who cannot attend in the afternoon. Mr. Marshall was appointed the commissioner for this meeting only.

Mr. William Campbell was appointed Youth Budget Director for 1948. This was approved. The Clerk is directed to notify Mr. Campbell with commendation for past work.

Mr. Berryhill suggested that the previously mentioned reception for Mr. and Mrs. Easter be definitely set for the evening of Wednesday, October 8. The wives of the Elders shall be constituted a Committee to handle the details.

The Moderator mentioned the Memorial Service which will be held on Sunday, September 21, and hopes that all service men can be especially invited to attend. The Memorial Book is on hand and is satisfactory. The cabinet is also in town, but arrived too late to examine.

The meeting was closed with prayers by Rev. Wallace E. Easter and Mr. Colin Macdonald. at 10:00 P.M.

Ralph C. Snowden

Ralph C. Snowden, Clerk.

October 3, 1947

SESSION MINUTES

The Session met on Friday evening, October 3, immediately following the Preparatory Service.

Present- Moderator C. C. Berryhill, Rev. Wallace E. Easter and Elders C. J. Elderfield, E. W. Jewett, Colin Macdonald, J. G. Marshall, W. H. Mitchell, Richard Shubert and Dr. R. C. Snowdon.

Absent- Elders Donald Clayton, Keith Demmon, Russell Look and E. A. Montgomery.

The following persons presented themselves desiring membership in the First Presbyterian Church and were accepted-

BY Letter-

Mrs. Wolford M. Ewalt- Letter from 1st Christian Church, Versailles, Ky.

Mr. E. C. Forbes Letter from Drummond Hill Church, Niagara Falls, Ont.

Mrs. E. C. Forbes Letter from Drummond Hill Church, Niagara Falls, Ont.

Mrs. Dugald McGill Letter from Grantham United Church, Ontario.

Mrs. John Scully, Jr. Letter from First Presbyterian Church, Van Wert, Ohio.

BY REAFFIRMATION OR CONFESSION OF FAITH-

Mr. Leo Bundy (Reaffirmation)

Mrs. Leo Bundy (Confession- Baptism)

Mr. James Coutts (Reaffirmation)

Mrs. James Coutts (Reaffirmation)

Mr. John Campbell (Confession)

Mrs. Alex. G. Frey (Confession)

Mr. Ambrose Schroyer (Reaffirmation)

Mrs. Ambrose Schroyer (Reaffirmation)

Miss Leone Penfield (Confession)

Mrs. William Walker (Confession)

The meeting was closed to convene again Sunday morning, October 5, preceding Communion.

The Session met again on Sunday morning at 10:30 A.M. preceding Communion, and the following additional persons were accepted into membership-

Mrs. Wallace E. Easter- Letter from Sherwood Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Loren Skinner- Letter from 1st Presbyterian, Lewiston, N.Y.

Mrs. Harry Hartzner- (Reaffirmation)

Summary for World Wide Communion- October 5, 1947.

Letter-----	7
Confession-----	5
Reaffirmation--	6
Total	18.

Ralph C. Snowdon
Ralph C. Snowdon, Clerk.

The regular meeting of the Session was held on Thursday evening, October 9, 1947, at 7:30 o'clock.

Present- Moderator Rev. Charles C. Berryhill, Rev. Wallace E. Easter and Elders Donald Clayton, Keith Demmon, C. J. Elderfield, Russell Look, J. G. Marshall, W. H. Mitchell, E. A. Montgomery, Richard Shubert, R. C. Snowdon and Colin Macdonald.

Absent- E. W. Jewett.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

The minutes for the meetings of September 7, 1947 and October 3 and 7, 1947, were read and approved as read.

Mr. Macdonald reported the Hymn Boards have been ordered and will be made up and delivered in the near future.

It was suggested by Mr. Berryhill, moved and seconded by Messrs. Marshall and Shubert that \$ 10.00 be kept on hand in the form of cash for Mr. Easter's use. This sum to be charged against the budgetary item of \$ 125.00 and to be replenished as needed, in the same manner. Carried.

The annual Charter for Boy Scout Troop Three should be renewed. The proper person or persons are hereby requested and authorized to accomplish this. Mr. T. L. Bishop is to be asked to retain his office as Commissioner for this Troop. Both objects are approved.

There has been expended \$ 54.00 from the Pastor's Fund. There remains \$ 347.14 in this Fund.

It was moved and seconded by Messrs. Demmon and Macdonald that Mr. Montgomery's report in the matter of "Items Controlled by the Session" and Proposed Benevolent Budget be accepted and approved. Carried.

The Congregational Meeting to be held for the consideration of the Budget for 1948 has been set for October 22, 1947 at 7:45 P.M.

The Church Treasurer presented reports as of October 1947 covering the following items:-

<u>BENEVOLENT FUND-</u>	Cash on hand-----	\$ 90.73
	Church Envelopes -----	402.92
	Interest on War Saving Bond	
	(Young Legacy) ----	18.75
		<u>\$512.40</u>
<u>DISBURSEMENTS-</u>	Central Receiving Agency	
	Boards of Church-----	400.00
	Cash on hand Sept. 30, 1947	112.40
		<u>\$512.40</u>
<u>RESTORATION FUND</u>		
	Total collected to date -----	\$ 11,650.10
	(and forwarded)	
	Amount to be collected on project	2,794.90

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT FUND-

RECEIPTS- Cash on hand September 1, 1947 -----	\$ 2818.75
Monthly allowance for September-----	83.34
	<u>\$ 2902.09</u>

MEMORIAL FUND-

1- Total Pledges (178) -----	\$ 1637.77
2- Total cash received -----	1528.77
3- Total cash unpaid -----	109.00
	<u>1637.77</u>

The Session meeting adjourned at 9:00 o'clock, P.M. to attend the Joint Meeting of Session and Board of Trustees.

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The Joint Meeting of the Session and Board of Trustees was called to order by Rev. C. C. Berryhill at 9:20 P.M. There were present nineteen persons.

Mr. George M. Bramann, President of the Board of Trustees presented the Proposed "Operating Fund Budget" and the "Deferred Maintenance Report" for 1948 in detail, with a thorough explanation of all items.

The Session had no comment to make in the matter of the figures presented covering the "Operating Fund Budget" (14,103.00).

It was moved and seconded by Messrs. Elderfield and Demmon that the Joint Meeting approve the "Operating Fund Budget" as proposed but in the maximum amount of \$ 14,103.00 and subject to minor changes by the Board of Trustees. Carried.

The "Deferred Maintenance Report" called for considerable discussion and was treated item by item with the following result:-

Refinishing Auditorium Floor -----	approved
Removing Pews and resetting carpet, etc-	approved
New Carpet and padding, etc -----	not approved
Lighting stained glass window -----	approved
Kitchenette cupboard -----	approved
Celotex for Philathea Wall -----	not approved
Chairs -----	approved
Kitchen-	
Sink, etc -----	not approved
Floor Boards -----	approved
New dishes (modified) -----	approved
Refrigerator , range -----	not approved
Boiler Room-	
Partition -----	not approved
Transite -----	not approved
Oil conversion -----	approved
Sink -----	approved
Painting outside Church -----	not approved
Painting inside Sanctuary Walls -----	approved
Remodel ventilation, blowers to kitchen	
and dining room -----	approved
Repairs to duplicating machine -----	approved

(see next page)

SESSION MINUTES
October 9, continued

It is requested that one member from each of the two Finance Committees (Session and Trustees) be present at the Congregational meeting, October 22, 1947.

The "Benevolent Fund Budget" for 1948 was approved in the sum of \$.8207.17.

The "Items Controlled by the Session" Operating Fund Budget were approved.

The Joint Meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill at 11:18 o'clock, P.M.

Ralph C. Snowdon
Ralph C. Snowdon, Clerk.

OCTOBER 22, 1947.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting for consideration of the financial budgets was held at the church on Wednesday evening, October 22, 1947. It was called to order and opened with prayer by the Pastor at 8:10 P.M. The call for the meeting printed in the bulletin and announced from the pulpit was as follows-

"CONGREGATIONAL MEETING- There will be a meeting of the church and congregation of the First Presbyterian Society of Niagara on Wednesday evening, October 22, 1947, at 7:45 o'clock, in the Chapel for the purpose of considering and adopting the budgets for the year 1948, and to transact any other business which may properly come before the meeting."

Signed- R.C.Snowdon, Clerk of Session.
George M. Bramann, President,
Board of Trustees.

- In the absence of the Clerk of Session, Wm. Campbell was regularly nominated and elected to serve as Clerk for the meeting.

Mr. Keith Demmon was regularly nominated and elected to serve as Chairman of the meeting.

There were thirty six persons present at the start of the meeting.

At the Chairman's request, Mr. George Bramann, President of the Board of Trustees, presented the items of the proposed Operating Budget for 1948 as controlled by the Trustees.

Also at the Chairman's request, Mr. E. A. Montgomery (Chairman of the Session Finance Committee) presented the Operating Fund items controlled by the Session and the proposed Benevolent Budget.

A printed copy of these proposed Budgets accompanies these minutes.
(See printed copy attached at end of these minutes)

Mr. Walter Mack questioned the amounts proposed in the Benevolence Budget for the Presbyterian Church Boards and Agencies- believing they did not represent as high a quota as necessary to achieve the goal set by General Assembly.

The Pastor explained that the amounts proposed were those suggested by Presbytery, but that some question had since arisen concerning the quotas.

Mr. Bramann moved that the Operating Fund Budget, in the amount of \$ 28,565.87, be approved. Mr. Russell Look seconded the motion and it carried without dissent.

There followed further discussion of the Benevolence Budget, but when no action was taken it was decided to consider the "Deferred Maintenance Items" proposed by the Trustees.

The Chairman requested Mr. Bramann to explain these items, which he did. The items and amounts are as shown on the printed "Proposed Budget" attached hereto. The Joint Finance Committees of the Session and Trustees recommended that if the work is approved by the meeting, the congregation be solicited during the coming "Every Member Enrollment" for support of this program. Any part of the proposed sum not pledged for the next year would be sought in the Budgets the following two years.

Mr. Walter McCulloh moved that the "Deferred Maintenance Budget" of \$ 7000.00 be approved. The motion was regularly seconded and carried without dissent.

The Benevolence Budget was again discussed.

Mr. Bramann moved that the Benevolence Budget in the amount of \$ 8,204.67 be approved and that the Session and Trustees be authorized, provided additional money can be raised for Benevolence purposes to increase the gifts to the Church Boards to the amount required by action of the General Assembly.

Mr. Habgood spoke in favor, asking the congregation for a definite amount for Benevolences.

Mr. Bramann withdrew his motion in favor of Mr. Habgood's plan.

Mr. Habgood moved that the Benevolence Budget be increased to \$ 10,700.00 so as to provide proportionate increases to meet the additional needs of our church boards. The motion was regularly seconded and carried without dissent.

Mr. Duffett moved for adjournment. Seconded and carried.

Rev. C. C. Berryhill suggested that this very fruitful meeting be closed, as was the last General Assembly, with the singing of the Doxology.

Rev. Wallace E. Easter led the singing of the Doxology and the meeting adjourned.

William Campbell,
Clerk of Meeting.

November 3, 1947.

SESSION MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Session was held on Monday, November 3, at 7:30 P.M.

Present- Moderator Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Rev. Wallace E. Easter; Elders, C. J. Elderfield, Keith Demmon, E. W. Jewett, Russell Look, Colin Macdonald, J. G. Marshall, W. H. Mitchell, E. A. Montgomery and Richard Shubert.

Absent- Elders R. C. Snowden and Donald Clayton.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Macdonald.

The minutes of the October 9, 1947 meeting were read and approved.

The Financial reports were presented, received and approved -showing balances as follows-

Youth Fund Report-	Received, October 1-----	\$ 10.00
	Disbursed "-----	10.00
	(for 2 basketball registrations.	
	Wallace E. Easter.	

BENEVOLENCE FUND- Treasurer's Report.

Cash on hand -----	\$ 889.75
Disbursed- Budget B, final pmt \$ 71.00	
Boards of Church 700.00	771.00
Cash on hand Oct. 31--	118.75

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT-

Amount on hand -----	\$ 2985.42
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MEMORIAL FUND-

Total pledges (179) -----	1652.77
Total Cash received -----	1568.77
Total cash unpaid -----	84.00
	1652.77

Disbursements-

Book of Remembrance -----	\$ 200.00
Oak Repository -----	250.00
Delivery Expense -----	12.47
	\$ 462.47
Cash on hand October 31, 1947 ----	1106.30
	\$ 1568.77

It was requested that the Financial Secretary give a report as to balance to be collected on the Benevolence Budget in her reports.

Mr. Montgomery reported for the Finance Committee that the Benevolence Budget approved by the Session at its last meeting had been increased at the Congregational meeting to \$ 11,322.00, which includes Youth Budget Benevolence of \$ 455.00.

The Moderator reported \$ 16.00 spent from Pastor's Fund in October leaving a balance of \$ 331.14 in Fund.

Mr. Demmon reported for the Sunday School and Young People's

Nov. 3, 1947.

SESSION MINUTES, continued.

Committee that the Youth Budget had been adopted at the same amount as the budget for the current period projected to a twelve month basis.

Mr. Demmon raised the question of liberalizing the rules with respect to granting permission for the use of the church building, particularly on requests of the young people. The Moderator suggested that hereafter he would consult with the committee on Sunday School and Young People with respect to such requests.

It was decided that the Session would meet after the church-service the first Sunday of each month to receive new members.

The Moderator asked Messrs. Elderfield and Mitchell to consider whether or not an appeal should be made for contributions to the Pastor's Fund.

The Moderator asked the Committee on Special and Week Day Services to work with help of Mr. Easter on plans to stimulate interest in the Annual Congregational Meeting, and to prepare a booklet including usual reports, plus material showing general life of our Church.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the payment of the expenses of the Moderator in attending the New Life Movement Training Course in the amount of \$ 8.00 was approved.

A request of the Twenty One Forty Club for permission to paint a shuffle board court in church parlors was approved.

The meeting was closed with prayer at 9:45 P.M.

E. A. Montgomery
E. A. Montgomery, Clerk Pro Tem.

SESSION MINUTES
DECEMBER 1, 1947.

The regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was held on Monday evening, December 1, at 7:30 o'clock.

Present- Moderator Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Rev. Wallace E. Easter.
Elders- Donald Clayton, Keith Demmon, C. J. Elderfield, E. W. Jewett, Russell Look, Colin Macdonald, J. G. Marshall, W. H. Mitchell, E. A. Montgomery, Richard Shubert and R. C. Snowden.

Absent- None.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. W. H. Mitchell.

The minutes of the meeting held on November 3, 1947 were read and approved as read.

Plans have been made where by Mr. Easter shall take two weeks of his vacation beginning December 21, 1947.

The recent Every Member Enrollment was discussed. In connection with this, it was moved by Mr. Demmon, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, that the warm appreciation of the Session for the fine work of the Co-Directors Messrs. A. J. Flagg and M. M. Templeton, with their workers, be placed on record and that the Co-directors be notified in writing. Unanimously Carried.

The motion picture film shown in the Sunday School on November 30 came up for discussion. It was considered by several persons as having limited religious instruction value, probably because the picture had not been explained before showing.

The morning service on January 25, 1948 has been designated as the occasion on which Young People's Day is to be specially recognized.

The ventilation of the Sanctuary during services and changes in the kind of bread to be used for Communion were discussed, and instructions given to those concerned for examination of both subjects.

Communion will be observed on the first Sunday in January, the 4th. On Friday evening, January 2, the Preparatory Service will be held.

Mr. Berryhill reported that \$ 50.00 was added to the Pastor's Fund during November, that \$ 20.00 was expended and that the present balance is \$ 361.14.

Mr. Marshall will represent the First Church at the Presbytery meeting which will be held in Buffalo at the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church on December 2, at 1:30 P.M.

The Church Treasurer's Reports for November were presented and approved.

BENEVOLENT FUND-

On hand November 1, 1947 -----	\$ 118.75
Receipts -----	588.55
	<u>\$ 707.30</u>

To Boards of Church -----	600.00
On hand November 30, 1947 -----	107.30
	<u>\$ 707.30</u>

The report also shows that there should be collected \$ 330.55 at least to bring collection to the budget figure for April 1 to December 3.1, 1947.

RESTORATION FUND-

During October and November, 1947, \$ 163.75 was received, all of which has been forwarded to D. Allan Locke, Treasurer. The balance to be collected before the campaign closes next year is \$ 2631.15. Amount collected and forwarded to date, \$ 11,813.85.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT FUND-

On hand November 1, 1947	-----	\$ 2,985.42
Allowance- November	-----	83.33
		<u>\$ 3,068.75</u>

Fee to Mr. Obenhack, architect	-----	\$ 500.00
Balance on hand November 20	-----	2,568.75
		<u>\$ 3,068.75</u>

MEMORIAL FUND

On hand November 1, 1947	-----	\$ 1,106.30
Received in November	-----	15.00
		<u>\$ 1,121.30</u>

Total Pledges ----180	-----	\$ 1,657.77
Balance unpaid	-----	74.00

A letter from Mrs. D. E. Allen dated November 4, 1947, to each of the members of the Session having to do with an article in the Woman's Home Companion for November, 1947. page 32, entitled "New Horizons for your Pastor" called for a lengthy discussion. Although no action was taken, it was decided advisable to record the discussion and the Clerk was directed to write Mrs. Allen a suitable letter indicating receipt of her communication.

Upon motion duly made and seconded and carried the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 o'clock, P.M. with prayer.

Ralph C. Snowden
Clerk.

SESSION MINUTES
DECEMBER 7, 1947.

A special meeting of the Session was held on Sunday morning, December 7, following the morning service, to receive new members-

The following persons were present desiring to become members of the Church-

By Letter-

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Matthews-
Letter from St. James Methodist Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
Mr. and Mrs. Willard Belden-
Letter from First Baptist Church for Mr. Belden
Letter from Woodward Avenue Church, Detroit for Mrs. Belden.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH-

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Brain-

Young People- Paul E. Keffer - Baptised

Harry Dennis

Robert Dennis

Inez Anderson

Shirley Shaffer - Baptised

Betty Dennis

Charles Matthews

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH-

Mrs. Roy Page

Mr. O. L. DeLorenzo

Mrs. Eula May Dial

Miss (Lorain) Weaver *Lorene*

Miss Muriel Walker

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Ralph C. Snowdon
R. C. Snowdon, Clerk.

Summary received Dec. 7, 1948.

Letter -----	4
Affirmation -----	6
Reaffirmation -----	5
Baptism -----	3
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January 2, 1948.

SESSION MINUTES

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church met on Friday evening, January 2, following Preparatory Service.

PRESENT- Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Elders- Keith Demmon, C. J. Elderfield, E. W. Jewett, Russell Look, J. G. Marshall, W. H. Mitchell, E. A. Montgomery, Richard Shubert and R. C. Snowdon.

ABSENT- Donald Clayton, Colin Macdonald.

The following named persons appeared before the Session in connection with their wishes to become members of this Church.

BY LETTER-

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wagner- Letter from 1st Presbyterian Church Warren, Pa.

Miss Ann Schoepflin- Letter from 1st Presbyterian Church, Gardenville, N.Y.

Mrs. George Bowser- Letter from Brookville Presbyterian Church Jr. Brookville, Pa.

CONFESSION OR REAFFIRMATION

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Maslen

Mrs. Lillian Westgate

Mr. George Bowser, Jr. -Baptised

The above were regularly received.

The regular meeting of the Session scheduled for January 5, 1948, was canceled.

The New Life Visitation has been scheduled for January 12-13-14, 1948. It will be preceded by dinner at the Church at 6:00 o'clock, P.M.

Mr. Demmon reported the names of persons who are expected to act as members of the Sunday School staff during 1948. The report was received and approved. The names and offices are as follows-

SENIOR DEPARTMENT

General Superintendent- Kenneth Garrecht

First Assistant Superintendent- Lloyd Bovier

Secretary- William Campbell

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT-

Superintendent- Fred Wendt

First Assistant- Jack Jewett

Second " - Mrs. A. Schwennesen

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT-

Superintendent- John Brunn

First Assistant-

BEGINNERS' DEPARTMENT

Mrs. F.W.Gray-Superintendent

Mrs. B.E.Field- 1st Asst.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stone- 2nd Asst.

January 2, 1948.
Minutes, continued.

According to a letter dated December 26, 1947, by Dr. Janeway and Mr. Lupfer, it appears that the Presbytery Secretary, Miss Mickelsen is about to retire. An effort is being made to present her with a sizable pension by means of contributions from the various churches.

It was suggested that our church participate to the extent of \$ 100.00 total, this sum to be shared by the Trustees, if they see fit. The subscription shall be made from the church funds available to the Trustees and the Session respectively. This program was approved by motion duly made, seconded and carried.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 10:05 P.M.

R. C. Snowdon
R. C. Snowdon, Clerk

January 4, 1948.

The Session met again just preceding Communion Service on Sunday morning, January 4th.

The following persons were received by the Session for membership-

By Letter- Mrs. Albertus C. Van Raalte, letter from Presbyterian Church, Clearfield, Pa.

Mrs. Marian Casteel- Bacon Memorial Presbyterian
By Confession- Leighton Dennis

The meeting then adjourned to the communion service.

Closed with benediction.

R. C. Snowdon
R. C. Snowdon, Clerk.

Summary of members for Jan. 2- 9

1st Communion in 1948.

Letter -----	6
Baptism -----	1
Confession -----	4
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Received from
Dec. 7 ----- 18

JANUARY 9, 1948.

SESSION MEETING

A special meeting was called at the direction of the Pastor and Clerk January 9, 1948.

Present- E. A. Montgomery, J. G. Marshall, Donald Clayton, E. W. Jewett, W. H. Mitchell, C. J. Elderfield, and Rev. C.C. Berryhill.

Absent- Keith Demmon, Dr. R. C. Snowden, Colin Macdonald and Richard Shubert.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

First conferred with Mark Templeton, one of the Co-Directors of the 1948 Every Member Enrollment, concerning the progress of the Enrollment.

Discussed the budget and proposed possible reductions in expected expenditures on several items on the budget.

Operating Fund under control of Session considered and reduced at the following points:-

<u>ITEMS REDUCED</u>	<u>REDUCTION</u>	<u>FINAL FIGURE</u>
Minister's Salary -----	\$ 350.00 -----	\$ 5,250.00
Assistant Minister's Salary ---	200.00 -----	3,150.00
(These salaries represent increase of 5 % over year of 1947, Mr. Easter's increase to begin June 1, 1948.)		
Pulpit Supply -----	80.00 -----	120.00
Additional Secretarial Work ---	50.00 -----	150.00
Gowns -----	125.00 -----	000.00
Week Day School -----	25.00 -----	141.00
Equalization Fund -----	10.50 -----	112.50

The Session then discussed the Benevolence Budget in the light of the Enrollment and made the following decisions-

Figure of total Benevolence to be \$ 8400.00 instead of original \$ 11,322.00

All items to remain the same except under Boards and Agencies. These to be reduced according to expected receipts within the new total.

E. A. Montgomery, Chairman of Finance Committee, directed to rearrange figures for Boards and Agencies to take into account a recent letter from Presbytery Committee on Christian Education, asking that the giving of each church be adjusted, remembering that the item of Presbytery Tax Budget B is included in the general item for the cause of National Missions.

Special meeting- January 9, continued

Session also agreed that the Trustees should be asked to approve the granting of \$ 50.00 from the Church Treasury to be sent as our Church's gift to Miss Michelsen, Secretary retired after thirty years as Secretary of Presbytery.

The following persons requested that their names be removed from the church roll and at the Pastor's recommendation. Session directs that they be removed:

Mrs. Helen Corson- 232 Sixth Street.

Mr. and Mrs. James Trench- 352 Buffalo Avenue

Session approved that Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Goss, 1246 N. Military Rd. be dismissed to First Methodist Church, LaSalle.

The meeting closed with the benediction at 10:10 P.M. after which the Elders met with a few of the Trustees and each group shared the results of the evening's study of the 1948 Budget.

Donald M. Clayton
Clerk Pro Tem.

January 19, 1948.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGFIRST PRESBYTERIAN SOCIETY OF
NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK.

THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING for 1948 was held at the First Presbyterian Church on January 19, 1948, at 7:30 P.M.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and a hymn was sung.

Mr. H. E. Morrill was duly elected Presiding Officer of the meeting.

The Chairman asked Mr. Jewett for his report for the Nominating Committee which had the duty of nominating candidates for the Session and Board of Trustees to take office in January 1948. The Nominating Committee which was elected in April 1947 consisted of Messrs. Jewett, Mrs. Dawson, George Bramann and Mark Templeton. The following nominations were presented.

SESSIONRETIRING MEMBERS

Colin Macdonald
E. W. Jewett
Richard Shubert
W. N. Baxter (deceased)

NOMINEES

T. L. Bishop
Clarence E. Jackson
Howard E. Morrill
Dr. Albert M. Rooker

TRUSTEESRETIRING MEMBERS

Fred C. Snowdon (resigned)
unexpired term-one year
John S. Hawley (resigned)
unexpired term- two years

NOMINEES

Mrs. L. R. Witt
J. E. Donald Hastie

REGULAR TERM OF THREE YEARS

Mrs. A. J. Gailey
Newman Gray
Mark M. Templeton
Charles R. Stroup

Dwight E. Allen
William Kremers
Thomas R. McNeill
Mrs. E. A. Pritchard

It was duly moved and seconded that the poles be kept open for one hour. Carried.

Mr. Berryhill spoke in some detail about the booklet entitled, "Review and Outlook" and its preparation. This booklet contains "a review and summary of the activities and program of First Presbyterian Church during the last nine months of the year 1947." Credit is given Rev. Wallace E. Easter, editor, Miss Isabel Dunlop, Miss Virginia Noll and Inez C. McKellips in connection with the typing and multigraphing.

January 19, 1948.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, continued

It was moved and seconded by Messrs. Shubert and Hill that the printed annual reports be accepted by the meeting and be substituted for the lengthy annual reports of the various church groups which are usually read at these meetings. Carried.

Mr. Berryhill spoke in appreciation of the fine work of many persons who helped the Pastor throughout the past year.

A fine Moving Picture with sound was shown. The picture was entitled, "Beyond Our Own."

After the lapse of one hour at 8:45 P. M. , it was moved and seconded by Messrs. Mifflin and Demmon that the slate proposed by the Nominating Committee be elected by one vote to be cast by the Clerk. Carried.

It was announced by the Chairman that the newly elected Elders would be ordained and installed , and that the newly elected Trustees would be recognized at the regular worship service on February 1, 1948.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR NEXT YEAR WAS ELECTED.

The following named persons were duly nominated:- Messrs. H. E. Morrill and E. A. Montgomery from the Session. Mr. Wm. Kremers and Mrs. Thos. Crosse from the Trustees and Mr. Hugh T. Reid from the congregation.

It was duly moved and seconded and carried that the nominations be closed and that the Clerk cast one ballot for the election of the above nominees.

It was duly moved, seconded and carried that January 17, 1949, the third Monday, be chosen for the annual meeting in 1949.

It was duly moved and seconded that the Session meeting in September, 1948, be chosen as the time for the selection of the Every Member Enrollment Director and the Youth Budget Director for 1949. Carried.

It was duly moved, seconded and carried that special appreciation be expressed in the minutes to the persons who prepared the booklet, "Review and Outlook."

The minutes of this meeting were read to the group. After minor changes were made, it was duly moved, seconded and carried that the minutes be approved.

January 19, 1948.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, continued

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 P. M. upon appropriate action by the group, and with a final prayer by Rev. Wallace E. Easter.

(115) ~~one hundred and fifteen~~ It may be noted that ~~forty to fifty~~ persons were present at this meeting, that refreshments were served by the Westminster Guild and Younger Married Couples' Club, Mrs. Joseph Wright, Chairman. A fine social period was enjoyed by those in attendance.

Ralph C. Snowden
R. C. Snowden, Clerk.

February 2, 1948.

SESSION MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was held on Monday evening, February 2, at 7:30 o'clock.

PRESENT- Rev. C. C. Berryhill, Moderator; Rev. Wallace E. Easter and Elders Donald Clayton, C. J. Elderfield, Russell Look, J. G. Marshall, W. H. Mitchell, R. C. Snowdon, T. L. Bishop, A. M. Rooker, Clarence E. Jackson and H. E. Morrill.

ABSENT- Elders E. A. Montgomery and Keith Demmon.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Wallace E. Easter.

The minutes of the meetings of December 1, 1947, December 7, 1947, January 2, 1948, January 4, 1948 and January 9, 1948, were read. It was noted that the record did not show that the meetings of December 1 and December 7 were closed with prayer. These meetings were closed with prayer. With these changes, the minutes were approved as read.

The Moderator has prepared a list showing the various Session Committees for 1948 entitled "Proposed Organization of Session." It was moved and seconded by Messrs. Elderfield and Morrill that the list be adopted as written. Carried. The Committees are as follows-

Clerk- R. C. Snowdon. Pulpit - A.M.Rooker, Chmn.; C.J.Elderfield/
Missions- C. J. Elderfield, Chairman; J. G. Marshall, Donald Clayton.
Finance- E. A. Montgomery, Chairman; J. G. Marshall, H. E. Morrill.
Music- R. C. Snowdon, Chairman; H. E. Morrill, E. A. Montgomery.
Sunday School and Young People- Keith Demmon, Chairman; Russell Look,
C. E. Jackson.
Ushering- Keith Demmon.
Communion- W. H. Mitchell, Chairman; Donald Clayton, T. L. Bishop,
A. M. Rooker.
Council of Religious Education- Russell Look.
Pastor's Fund- C. J. Elderfield, Chairman; W. H. Mitchell. /R.Snowdon
Special and Week Day Services- Russell Look, Chairman; C. E. Jackson,
Special Sunday School Committee- Wm. Kremers, Chairman; J.G.Marshall,
Wm. Campbell, H. E. Morrill.

A report was presented covering "Proposed Benevolence Distribution of 1948 Benevolence Budget." It was moved and seconded by Mr. Mitchell and Dr. Rooker that this distribution be approved. Carried. The schedule follows-

PROPOSED BENEVOLENCE DISTRIBUTION OF 1948
BENEVOLENT BUDGET

Total Figure -----	\$ 8,400.00
Councils, colleges, and contingencies as previously decided -----	\$ 511.00 *
Presbytery Tax "A" -----	312.00
Total -----	\$ 823.00

(See next page)

Remainder to be distributed to Boards and Agencies-----\$ 7577.00

Pensions -----	\$ 587.00
National Missions (includes item under Budget "B" \$ 480.00) -----	3068.00
Foreign Missions -----	2265.00
Christian Education -----	1349.00
Theological Seminaries -----	245.00
American Bible Society -----	42.00
Federal Council of Churches -----	20.00

* Distribution-

New York State Council of Churches -----	\$ 20.00
Auburn Theological Seminary -----	50.00
Westminster Foundation (Penn State) -----	50.00
Park College -----	50.00
World Council of Churches -----	25.00
Emergency Church Expansion -----	100.00
Contingencies -----	216.00
Total -----	511.00

The following financial reports issued by Jean McLaren, Treasurer, were read by the Clerk and approved without comment.

BENEVOLENT FUND FOR JANUARY, 1948

RECEIPTS-

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1948 -----	\$ 265.71
Church Envelopes -----	786.58
Communion Plate -----	44.07
Gift from Women's Church and Missionary Society -----	75.00
	<u>\$1171.36</u>

DISBURSEMENTS-

To Buffalo-Niagara Presbytery- Gratitude	
Gift for Miss Michelson, retired -----	\$ 50.00
Cash on hand January 31, 1948 -----	1121.36
	<u>\$1171.36</u>

Note- No disbursements to Boards of the Church made until budget apportionments received.

RESTORATION FUND- for Jan., 1948

Money collected in January, 1948 -----	\$ 422.50
Money forwarded to D. Allan Locke, Treas. -----	422.50
Money collected and forwarded to Jan. 1, 1948 -----	\$ 11,951.38
Money collected and forwarded to Feb. 1, 1948 -----	12,373.85
Amount subscribed to Restoration Fund -----	\$ 14,445.00
Amount collected and forwarded to Feb. 1, 1948 -----	12,373.85
Amount to be collected -----	<u>\$ 2,071.15</u>

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT FUND
FOR JANUARY 1948.

RECEIPTS-

Cash on hand January 1, 1948 -----	\$ 2,652.09
Special Gift -----	100.00
	<u>\$ 2,752.09</u>

J. McLaren, Treas.

A cold and annoying draft exists in the South East corner of the Sanctuary around the first two pews. It is the sentiment of the Session that this condition be called to the attention of the Board of Trustees with the request that the difficulty be treated perhaps in much the same way that the rear pews have been protected from the draft set up by the entrance doors.

The addition of Rev. Wallace E. Easter to the Sunday School Officers' Roster is suggested, mainly for purposes of advise and counsel. It was duly moved and seconded by Messrs. Morrill and Mitchell that this be done. Carried.

A "Committee on Christian Education" is decided and recommended in the minutes of the Sunday School Teachers and Officers meeting held January 26, 1948, on page 3. It was duly moved, seconded and carried that the Committee and its personnel be approved.

Mr. Easter rendered a short verbal report concerning the present and future of the Young People's work. We wish to note here the fine manner in which the High School young people participated in the regular Sunday Morning Service on January 25. The ushers were young people from the group and the persons who assisted in the pulpit were Jean Van Liew, Ann Schoepflin and Carl Reisig.

Mr. Look reported that the share of this Church in the expense of Week Day Religious Education amounts to \$ 20.00. It was duly moved, seconded and carried that this sum be subscribed and paid.

It was duly moved, seconded and carried that Mrs. George Abell, Mrs. Lloyd Pollock and Mrs. Inez C. McKellips be sent letters of appreciation and thanks for their fine work in connection with the Week Day Religious Education Program.

In connection with Mr. Berryhill's report on Pastor's Fund which follows-

Balance at December 1947 meeting -----	\$ 361.14
Received since Dec. 1, 1947 -----	51.00
Expended since Dec. 1, 1947 -----	66.00
Balance February 2, 1948 -----	<u>346.14</u>

Mr. Elderfield suggested, with the approval of Session, that these moneys be considered useful to relieve distress among our members, particularly, as a result of the Carborundum strike.

Mr. Morrill reported that as a result of the work of the Personal Evangelism Program of the New Life Movement, some ~~sixty~~ ^{seventy} persons have so far shown a desire to become members of the First Church.

There was considerable discussion as to how to greet and handle the large group of people who will join the church in connection with the above mentioned program on February 15th.

Mr. Berryhill showed the Session an advance copy of the new periodical, "Presbyterian Life."

It is planned to have a Congregational Party on April 28, 1948. An important feature of the Party is the Recognition of New Members. It is suggested that the wives of the Elders be asked to undertake the entire responsibility for arrangements. It was moved and seconded by Mr. Morrill and Dr. Rooker that the Party be held as planned and that \$ 50.00 be appropriated from church funds to cover. Carried.

Mr. Marshall reported briefly on the manner in which the Restoration Fund had been put to work.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 P.M. with prayer by members of the group and Mr. Berryhill.

Ralph C. Snowdon
R. C. Snowdon, Clerk.

February 15, 1948.

SPECIAL MEETING
SESSION MINUTES- Feb. 15, 1948

A special meeting of the Session was called by the Pastor on Sunday morning, February 15, following the regular service to receive new members.

PRESENT- Donald Clayton, Keith Demmon, C. J. Elderfield, Russell Look, J. G. Marshall, W. H. Mitchell, E. A. Montgomery, R. C. Snowdon, Dr. A. M. Rooker, H. E. Morrill, C. E. Jackson and T. L. Bishop.

ABSENT- None.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

The following persons presented themselves desiring membership in the First Presbyterian Church- and were accepted.

BY LETTER-

LETTER FROM

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ammons	Second Presbyterian- Kansas City, Mo.
Robert Brautigam-	1st Congregational-South Hadley, Mass.
Mrs. Frederick Chormann	Methodist Church- Warren's Corners, N.Y.
Mrs. Claude A. Cole	Robinson Memorial - Syracuse, N.Y.
William Culbert	1st Methodist- Niagara Falls, N.Y.
Mrs. Emmie Lou Diaz	Bacon Memorial Pres. Niagara Falls, N.Y.
John Francis	Methodist Church -Treverton, Pa.
Mrs. John Francis	1st Presbyterian- East Birmingham, Ala.
Mrs. Dorothy Garten	Chalmers United Church, Ottawa, Can.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hartzell	1st Presbyterian- South Bend, Ind.
Mrs. Edna Maguire	United Church of Canada-Kingston, Ont.
Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McCall	1st Presbyterian- Philipsburg, Pa.
Mrs. John W. Owen	Westminster Presbyterian, Buffalo, N.Y.
Mr. & Hudson Rankin	3rd. Presbyterian- Uniontown, Pa.
Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Schaffer	1st Church of Christ-Springfield, Mass.
Victor Summerfield	- Pierce Ave. Presbyterian-Niagara Falls,
Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Woodring	Evangelical Church-Hazleton, Pa.
21 Mrs. Alberta Mae Yeager <i>Asbury</i>	Methodist Church, Allentown, Pa.
26 Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dooley	Lafayette Presbyterian Norfolk, Va.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Craft- West Side Presbyterian, Germantown, Pa.	

BY CONFESSION OR REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Craft	Mrs. Augustus Morre!
Claude A. Cole	John W. Owen
Mrs. Howard Cook	Mrs. Herbert Shank
Winston Dell	Mrs. Clara Stenzel
Mr. and Mrs. Frederick G. DeWolfe	Bernard Schaeffer
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dooley	Burt A Stone
Mrs. Olive Beatrice Dennis	Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Trow
Mrs. Velma Furman	Mrs. (Margaret) Rankin +
Charles LaPress	Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Rivers <i>Bay</i>
Harold J. Miller	Henry Rivers
Charles Franklin Miller	Mr. Robert Rodgers
Mr. and Mrs. Murdo MacIver	Mrs. Madeline Ursprung
Mary McCabe	Ernest A. Woodring +
Mrs. Edward McCabe	31 Warren H. Yeager
Mrs. Jeannette McGowan	Mrs. Bertha Rodgers
	Herbert Shank.

MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING FEB. 15, 1948.
CONTINUED.

SUMMARY OF MEMBERS RECEIVED FEB. 14, 1948.

BY LETTER -----	26
CONFESSION OR	
REAFFIRMATION-----	31
BAPTISM -----	1
Total -----	58

The Session approved the changing of the name of the 21-40 Club to the Geneva Club upon request of the Pastor and the Group concerned.

There being no further business the meeting was closed with prayer.

Ralph C. Snowden
R. C. Snowden, Clerk.

FEBRUARY DISMISSALS-

Mrs. Maybelle Newtown- to First Presbyterian Church
Erie, Pa.
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Taylor- to Bacon Memorial Church
Niagara Falls, N.Y.
Mrs. Fannie Legg- Bacon Memorial Church- Niagara Falls, N.Y.
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rice- Camp Hill Presbyterian Church
Camp Hill, Pa.
Mrs. W. E. Covert- Youngstown Presbyterian Church-
Youngstown, N.Y.
Mr. E. Willis Jewett, Jr.- Calvin United Presbyterian
Detroit, Michigan.

March 1, 1948.

SESSION MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Session was held on Monday evening, March 1, at 7:30 P. M.

Present- Moderator C. C. Berryhill, Wallace E. Easter and Elders Donald Clayton, Keith Demmon, C. J. Elderfield, Russell Look, J. G. Marshall, W. H. Mitchell, E. A. Montgomery, R. C. Snowdon, A. M. Rooker, H. E. Morrill and T. L. Bishop.

Absent- Elder Clarence E. Jackson.

The meeting was opened with prayer by W. H. Mitchell.

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 2, 1948 were read and approved.

The minutes of the special meeting of February 15, 1948 were also read and approved.

Mr. Demmon reporting for the Sunday School and Young People's Group indicated that a class for Mothers appears to be desirable, particularly for Mothers having primary and nursery children. This brings up the matter of a leader and other arrangements.

On Friday evening, March 5, there will be a meeting in the Chapel for the purpose of explaining the Sunday School Curriculum to parents and teachers. Church officers should attend.

It was moved and seconded by Messrs. Demmon and Morrill that the Ushers' Group be invited to a dinner and evening in the near future. The expense of the dinner and entertainment shall be taken care of by appropriation from the "General Church Activities" Fund. Carried.

Mr. W. H. Mitchell, Chairman of the Communion Committee would like to be authorized to purchase one hundred small communion glasses as well as a few napkins. It was moved and seconded by Dr. Rooker and Mr. Montgomery that this authorization be granted. Carried.

The following Treasurer's reports were read and accepted for filing-

BENEVOLENT FUND	
RECEIPTS- Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1948 -----	\$ 1121.36
Church Envelopes -----	529.59
	<u>\$ 1650.95</u>
DISBURSEMENTS-	
To Boards of the Church -----	\$ 1500.00
Cash on hand Feb. 29, 1948 -----	150.95
	<u>\$ 1650.95</u>
BRIEF SUMMARY-	
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1948 -----	\$ 265.71
Receipts for two months -----	1360.24
	<u>\$ 1625.95</u>
Benevolent Budget- 1948 -----	\$ 8400.00
Amount to be collected-----	6774.05

SESSION MINUTED CONTINUED
MARCH 1, 1948.

RESTORATION FUND REPORT

Money collected in February, 1948 -----	\$ 1231.25
Money forwarded to D. Allan Locke, Treasurer -----	1231.25
Money collected and forwarded to February 1, 1948	12,373.85
Money collected and forwarded to March 1, 1948 ----	13,605.10
Amount subscribed to Restoration Fund -----	14,445.00
Amount collected and forwarded to March 1, 1948 -----	13,605.10
Amount to be collected -----	839.90

Jean McLaren, Treasurer.

Mr. Berryhill announced that the next Preparatory Service will be held Wednesday March 24, at 7:45 P.M., and that the Communion Service will be held Thursday, March 25, at 7:45 P.M., and that he wishes to hold a short Session meeting at 7:30 P. M. just before the Communion Service. He also wishes to have a meeting of the Session at 10:10 A. M. on Palm Sunday, March 21, for the reception of new members originating with the Young People's Group.

Mr. Look gave a lengthy and informative report in the matter of the Week Day School of Religious Education.

It was duly moved and seconded and carried that the Wooster Glee Club be invited to appear to put on their musical evening on Saturday, April 3, 1948 in our church as planned.

The Philathea Class wishes to have a sizeable Philathea-Baraca Convention in our Church September 17-18-19, 1948. It was moved and seconded by Messrs. Demmon and Morrill that the request be granted. Carried.

There will be held a special meeting of the Presbytery on March 9, 1948, at 2:45 P.M. at the North Presbyterian Church, Buffalo to attend to some important Presbytery business. The ministers will cover.

A Church membership roll as of January 5, 1948, has been prepared by Mrs. McKellips and a sizable number multigraphed. Each Elder has been provided with a copy.

It was duly moved, seconded and carried that a special Easter offering be fostered, collected and turned over to the Session to be used to assure the completion of our Restoration Fund subscription, with at least one half of such offering to be added to the Benevolence Budget of the Session.

SESSION MINUTES CONTINUED
MARCH 1, 1948.

The Clerk was instructed to arrange for the ringing of the Church Bell on the Sabbath at 10:45 A. M. and at 10:55 A.M. at a slower rate than has been recently used.

The meeting was duly adjourned at 10:25 P.M. with prayers by Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Rev. Wallace E. Easter.

R. C. Snowden
R. C. Snowden, Clerk.

March 21, 1948.

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING

A special meeting of the Session was called on Sunday morning March 21, 1948. The meeting was called to order at 10:20 A.M. Prayer was heard from the Sunday School room adjoining.

The following Elders were present- T. L. Bishop, C. J. Elderfield, R. M. Look, J. G. Marshall, W. H. Mitchell, E. A. Montgomery, H. E. Morrill and A. M. Rooker; Moderator Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

Mr. Berryhill described the program of instruction that had been followed in the Communicants' Class. The following persons were introduced, examined and duly accepted for church membership.

Suzanne Belden
Dolores Bush
Carole Hansley
Patricia MacDonald
Carolyn Ann MacVean
Helen Campbell

Patricia Scott
Janet Vanderlip
Florence Van Liew
Ann Walker
Katherine Wallace

Instructions were given for the Communion Service. The meeting was closed with the benediction by Mr. Berryhill.

Russell M. Look
Russell M. Look, Secretary
Pro Tem.

March 24, 1948.

The Session met following the Preparatory Service on Wednesday evening, March 24, 1948.

Present- Moderator- Rev. C. C. Berryhill, Rev. Wallace E. Easter, Elders Donald Clayton, C. J. Elderfield, Russell Look, J. G. Marshall, W. H. Mitchell, Dr. R. C. Snowdon, Dr. A. M. Rooker, H. E. Morrill, Clarence Jackson and T. L. Bishop.

Absent- Keith Demmon and E. A. Montgomery.

The following persons presented themselves desiring membership in the First Presbyterian Church-

BY LETTER- Earl Russell Akin- 1st Presbyterian, Latrobe, Pa.
Mrs. Katherine L. Barbour- 1st Presbyterian, Vicksburg, Miss.
Mrs. Robert Brydges- Knox Presbyterian, St. Catherines, Ont
Robert C. Dickey- Bethany Presbyterian- Lancaster, Pa
Beulah Earman- Presbyterian Church- Harrisburg, Va.
Wilma Oyler- West Presbyterian- Binghamton, N.Y.
~~?Mrs. Alberta Mae Yeager- Asbury Methodist~~

(In Feb)

SESSION MINUTES CONTINUED

March 24, 1948.

REAFFIRMATION OR AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Suzanne Belden
 Edward Burnie
 *Dolores Bush
 Harvey Campbell
 *Helen Campbell
 Mrs. Laura Clemons
 Charles Dawson
 Mrs. Robert Dickey
 Elizabeth S. Dow
 William Gowling
 *Carole Hansley
 Mrs. Margaret Horton
 Andrew Krell
 *Patricia MacDonald
 *Carolyn Ann MacVean
 Edward McGhee
 Mrs. Hector Morre
 Mr. and Mrs. F. Pearce
 *Scott, Patricia
 *Janet Vanderlip
 *Florence Van Liew
 *Ann Walker
 *Katherine Wallace
 Mrs. John Whybra

THOSE WHO MET THE SESSION PRECEDING
 SERVICE THURSDAY, March 25, 1948.

Edwin H. Brodin- Edgewood Pres. Church
 Edgewood, Pa.

John B. Edwards- Zion Lutheran
 Niagara Falls, N.Y.

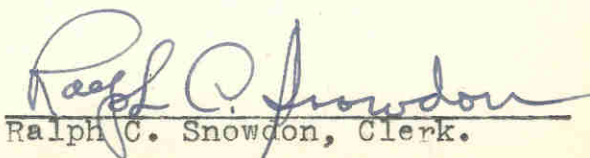
*Communicants' Class; listed under minutes of March 21st.

BAPTISED-

Barbara Elizabeth Denny Brown
 Mrs. Dorothy May Krell
 Fay Elizabeth Griffith
 Carolyn Ann MacVean
 Dorothy Ellen Nye
 Leon E. Searle.

SUMMARY FOR THOSE RECEIVED DURING THE COMMUNION SERVICE
 MARCH 25, 1948. Received by Session March 21, March 24 or
 March 25th, and February 15.

BY LETTER-----	35
AFFIRMATION OR	
REAFFIRMATION -----	57
BAPTISM -----	7
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 Ralph C. Snowdon, Clerk.

(See next page for March dismissals.)

MARCH DISMISSALS

Mr. and Mrs. James Lorms- Methodist Church, Ramseur, N.C.

Mrs. June Pratt- 1st Presbyterian, Long Beach, California

Glenna May Stewart- Rural Valley, Pa. Presbyterian Church

Dr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Gray- Lewiston Presbyterian Church
Lewiston, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. McCollum- 1st Presbyterian- Buffalo, N.Y.
Bonnie, Douglas and Donald McCollum "

Mrs. Frank G. Brost (nee Ruth Davis) - Westminster Presbyterian
Erie, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben A. Taylor- United Church, Warsaw, N.Y.

Stanley Elmer Moir- Bacon Memorial Church- Niagara Falls, N.Y.

April 5, 1948.

SESSION MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was held on Monday evening, April 5, at 7:30 o'clock.

Present- Moderator Rev. C. C. Berryhill, Rec. Wallace E. Easter and Elders Keith Demmon, Russell Look, W. H. Mitchell, E. A. Montgomery, R. C. Snowdon, H. E. Morrill and T. L. Bishop.

Absent- J. G. Marshall, Dr. A. M. Rooker, C.E. Jackson, G. J. Elderfield and Donald Clayton.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

The minutes of the meeting of March 1, 1948, were read. In connection with Mr. Demmon's report having to do with the "Mother's Class" it was suggested that the word Primary Age and Younger" be used instead of "Intermediate and Nursery" The minutes otherwise were approved.

The minutes for the meeting of March 21, 1948, were read. The name of Helen Campbell was omitted from the list of names voted in these minutes. Otherwise approved.

The minutes for the meeting of March 24, 1948 were read. The date "February 15, 1948" should be added to the list of dates at the bottom of page 117. The minutes were otherwise approved.

The Treasurer's reports were read and approved as follows-

BENEVOLENT FUND -Treasurer's report for March 1948.

Receipts-

Cash on hand March 1, 1948	-----	\$ 150.95
Regular envelopes	-----	\$ 537.69
Thursday P.M. Communion Plate	-----	107.29
Easter Offering envelopes	-----	298.55
U. S. Savings Bond- Interest	-----	18.75
		<u>962.28</u>
		1113.23

Disbursements-

Presbytery Tax- Budget B. 1st Quarter	120.00	
To Boards of the church	600.00	720.00
Cash on hand March 31, 1948	-----	393.23
		<u>1113.23</u>

BRIEF SUMMARY-

Cash on hand January 1, 1948	-----	\$ 265.71
Receipts for three months	-----	2098.97
		<u>\$ 2364.68</u>
Benevolent Budget 1948	-----	8400.00
Amount to be collected	-----	6035.32
Easter offering not included in summary.		

RESTORATION FUND

April 5, 1948.

SESSION MINUTES CONTINUED

RESTORATION FUND-

Money collected in March, 1948 -----	\$ 142.40	
Special gift -----	25.00	\$ 167.40
Money forwarded to Allan Locke, Treasurer ----- 167.40		
Money collected and forwarded to March 1, 1948 ---	\$ 13605.10	
Money collected and forwarded to April 1, 1948 ---	13772.50	
Amount subscribed to Restoration Fund -----	14445.00	
Amount collected and forwarded to April 1, 1948 --	13772.50	
Amount to be collected -----	672.50	

Note- There are 40 unpaid pledges to Restoration Fund totaling \$ 1,084.55.

PASTOR'S FUND was read as follows-

Income since last report -----	\$ 5.00
Outgo since last report -----	9.60
Present balance -----	341.53

Mr. Demmon reported for the Sunday School- The Mothers' Class has been organized to start April 11, 1948, with Mrs. Berryhill as teacher.

As a result of a recommendation of the Christian Education Committee and presented at the meeting of March 5, 1948, it was moved and seconded by Messrs. Morrill and Demmon that we approve the Pastor's recommendation that the New Curriculum of the Presbyterian Church be used in our Sunday School and that it be used exclusively by the age groups covered by the Curriculum. Carried.

Note that Sunday School officers as well as the Christian Education Committee approve the same.

Mr. Berryhill has set up a course of instruction for church officers and others, including the congregation, to be held on Wednesday evenings, April 7, 14 and 21. The watchword is- "The Church must Teach or Die."

Mr. Look will take up the matter of the Annual Sunday School picnic with the officers and teachers of the Sunday School. The suggested date is June 14, 1948.

Mr. Easter reported that a group consisting of himself and 16 young people instituted a "Young People's Visitation Program" on Sunday, April 4, 1948. Some 40 contacts were made with young people of High School age, with considerable satisfaction to the visitors as well as to those visited.

Mr. Easter also reported that a fine Sunrise Service was held on Easter Sunday.

April 5, 1948.

SESSION MINUTES CONTINUED

Mr. Mitchell obtained and used on March 25 one hundred new communion glasses mentioned in earlier minutes. He says that suitable linen for the few new napkins needed is so far unobtainable.

The Noonday Services with lunch held during Holy Week were well attended and much worth while. The Philathea Class took care of the lunch part of the program and curiously enough, the class showed a small profit as a result of the free will offering. Mrs. James Lumsden is commended for her part in the handling of the lunches.

It was duly moved, seconded and carried that a letter of commendation and thanks be sent to the Philathea Class in the name of the Session.

Mr. Berryhill opened a discussion of the booklet, "New Life for New Members" and the subject of the Reception of new members to be held in the near future.

Mr. Berryhill also suggested a system for a visitation of new members by the church Elders. Among other things we should-

- A- Use "Today" and the "Communicant Manual."
- B- Contact new members as they appear at Church and other services.
- C- Answer questions as they arise.
- D- Use report cards

Mr. Berryhill appointed a Committee consisting of Messrs. Clayton, Mitchell and Easter to handle the details of such visitation with the idea that some 140 persons who have joined our church within the past year be considered for attention this Spring and perhaps next autumn; certainly one year hence.

Mr. Easter has ascertained that the Y.M.C.A. and the Y.W.C.A. will welcome "Presbyterian Life" to their magazine racks but do not wish to pay for the subscriptions. He suggests that our church finance these subscriptions. Although no formal action was taken, the suggestions appear to meet the approval of the Session.

Mr. Mitchell reported having talked with Mrs. William Jay who has recently asked to have her name dropped from the church roll. It was moved and seconded by Mr. Morrill and Mr. Demmon that Mrs. Jay's name be dropped from the roll as requested. Carried.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mr. Morrill and Mr. Easter, at 10:00 P.M.

Ralph C. Snowdon

Ralph C. Snowdon, Clerk.

APRIL DISMISSALS

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Cunningham- Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church, Clearwater, Florida.

May 3, 1948.

SESSION MINUTES

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church met on Monday evening, May 3, at 7:30 o'clock.

Present- Moderator C. C. Berryhill, Rev. Wallace E. Easter and
Elders- C. J. Elderfield, Russell Look, J. G. Marshall,
W. H. Mitchell, R. C. Snowdon, A. M. Rooker, C. E. Jackson,
E. A. Montgomery.

Absent- Elders Keith Demmon, H. E. Morrill, T. L. Bishop and
Donald Clayton.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Berryhill.

The minutes of the April 5 meeting were read and approved as read.

The following Treasurer's reports were read and approved as read-

BENEVOLENT FUND- TREASURER'S REPORT FOR APRIL

Cash on hand April 1, 1948	-----	\$ 393.23
Regular Envelopes	-----	570.80
Easter Envelopes	-----	4.50
		<u>575.30</u>
		\$ 968.53

DISBURSEMENTS-

To Boards of the Church	-----	500.00
Cash on hand April 30	-----	<u>468.53</u>

BRIEF SUMMARY-

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1948	-----	\$ 265.71
Receipts for four months	-----	2669.77
		<u>\$ 2935.48</u>

Benevolent Budget	-----	\$ 8400.00
Amount to be collected	-----	5664.52

Note- Total Easter offering of \$ 303.05 not included in above summary.

RESTORATION FUND- for April, 1948

Money collected in April, 1948	-----	\$ 67.25
Special gift	-----	5.00
From the Sunday School Youth Budget	-----	50.00
		<u>\$ 122.25</u>
Money forwarded to D. Allan Locke, Treas.	-----	122.25

Money collected and forwarded to April 1, 1948	-----	13,772.50
Money collected and forwarded to May 1, 1948	-----	<u>13,894.75</u>

Amount subscribed to Restoration Fund	-----	14,445.00
Amount collected and forwarded to May 1, 1948	-----	<u>13,894.75</u>
Amount to be collected	-----	550.25

May 3, 1948.

SESSION MINUTES Continued

Note- Error in notation on March report- corrected to read-

47 unpaid pledges totaling -----	\$ 1,248.80
As of May 3, 1948- unpaid pledges	
44 totaling -----	965.55

Mr. Montgomery reported for the Finance Committee in the matter of a "Full-time Chaplain for Buffalo Students," presented by Moderator F. L. Janeway in his letter of March 20, 1948.

It was moved and seconded by Messrs. Mitchell and Elderfield that the Session subscribe \$ 25.00 for the year to be paid from appropriate Session Funds. Carried.

Mr. Berryhill reported the Pastor's Fund balance at the April meeting was \$ 341.53. \$ 25.00 has been received and \$ 30.00 expended. The present balance is \$ 336.53.

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Mr. K./ is planning the Sunday School picnic for June 19, 1948.

Rather than close the doors of our Sunday School at any time during the summer, Mr. Look is planning a General Service in place of regular Sunday School, with moving pictures or other religious instruction and entertainment for the month of August.

While not conclusive, Mr. Easter and other local ministers are planning a Vacation Bible School to be held in this church during the first two weeks of July..

Mr. Berryhill notes that the new Sunday School Material discussed in an earlier meeting will go into use about October 1, 1948.

Mr. Demmon reported indirectly that the Ushers' Dinner held April 27, 1948, was very successful and that the Ushers' Group thanks the Session for Session participation.

The system whereby Elders are assigned to duty at the church entrance before regular Sunday morning services is not working out. There are frequent absentees. An effort is being made to rectify this.

The next Communion Service will be held on June 27, 1948.

The Council of Religious Education will hold a dinner at St. Paul's Methodist Church on Tuesday, May 11, 1948, which is designed especially for persons interested in the Day School of Religious Education and for Sunday School teachers. Mr. Look spoke about Dr. Knauf being present at the dinner.

It was moved and seconded by Messrs. Marshall and Jackson that three Week Day School teachers be selected and provided with tickets for this dinner and that the expense be borne by the Church. Carried.

May 3, 1948.

SESSION MINUTED CONTINUED

Mr. Mitchell attended the Presbytery Meeting on April 27, 1948. The Remarriage of Divorced Persons was an outstanding subject for discussion.

Mr. Berryhill said that the Presbyterian Life subscriptions had been sent for the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. Our church will pay for these subscriptions.

Mr. Berryhill suggests that our Church take out fifteen subscriptions for Presbyterian Life. Copies to be delivered to the church address. A copy of two successive issues shall be sent to selected persons accompanied by a letter. The details of the "follow up" shall be carried on by a Committee to be selected by the Pastor. It was moved and seconded by Dr. Rooker and Mr. Elderfield that this matter be approved and that funds be drawn from the Christian Education account to cover. Carried.

The Wednesday evening Meetings will be discontinued for a period during the summer. The dates involved will be decided and announced by the Pastor.

Owing to Mr. Berryhill's absence from the city as Presbytery Commissioner at General Assembly in Seattle, Washington in early June, the Session will meet on June 14, 1948.

On June 20, 1948, Reception of New Members will take place and a meeting of the Session will be held following the morning service.

It was moved and seconded by Dr. Rooker and Mr. Mitchell that letters of appreciation be sent to Miss Florence Wales of Junior Activities during church service, to Mrs. Inez C. McKellips, in charge of Nursery age, and to Miss Ethel Smith, General Chairman of the Congregational Party. The letters to cover those who assisted on above committees. Carried.

Service arrangements for a coming group of Sundays have been set up as follows- May 23, Mr. Easter; May 30, Dr. Frank L. Janeway will preach; June 6, Children's Day; Baptism of Infants will probably take place on June 20, 1948.

Mr. Easter expects to be away on vacation during a period including May 30- June 13.

Dr. Wysham will speak at the Regular Service on Sunday, May 16. It is expected that he will also speak at a meeting in the afternoon of that day, which will be held as a Joint Conference of Presbyterian leaders of Niagara Falls.

SESSION MINUTES CONTINUED

A novel and attractive pamphlet entitled, "My Certificate of Church Membership" was shown by Mr. Berryhill. It was moved and seconded by Mr. Elderfield and Dr. Rooker that this certificate be adopted by our Church Session. Carried.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Messrs. C. J. Elderfield, W.H. Mitchell and Mr. Easter.

R. C. Snowden
R. C. Snowden, Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING - Sunday, May 16, 1948.

A special meeting of the Session was called Sunday morning, May 16, 1948.

It was moved and seconded by C. J. Elderfield and C. E. Jackson that the Session authorize the calling of a Congregational Meeting on such date as is set by the committee for the consideration of the report of the Physical Development Committee on proposed plans for the remodeling of the church building.

And that the calling of this meeting await the action of the Physical Development Committee in respect to the exact date.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mr. Berryhill.

R. C. Snowden
R. C. Snowden, Clerk.

DISMISSALS FOR MAY-

May 11- Marvin Paupst- to Peekskill Presbyterian Church
Peekskill, New York.

APPROVED

The Presbytery of Buffalo-Niagara

Whitney M. Trowsdale Moderator

Date 6/15/48

June 14, 1948.

SESSION MINUTES

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church held its regular meeting on Monday evening, June 14, 1948, at 7:30 o'clock.

Present- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Elders- Donald Clayton, Keith Demmon, C. J. Elderfield, Russell Look, J. G. Marshall, W. H. Mitchell, Dr. A. M. Rooker.

Absent- Elders E. A. Montgomery, R. C. Snowdon, H. E. Morrill, C. E. Jackson, T. L. Bishop.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Charles C. Berryhill.

The minutes of the meeting of May 3, 1948 were read, corrected and approved as corrected.

Ralph Wagner was introduced to the Elders by Rev. C. C. Berryhill. His desire to become a minister was made known. Mr. Elderfield moved that Ralph Wagner be accepted as a member of the First Presbyterian Church. Dr. Rooker seconded the motion. Carried.

Mr. Wagner discussed at some length his background of experience and conviction which led him to want to be a minister. He showed a sincerity and directness which would indicate him as being well qualified for training as a minister.

Dr. Rooker made a motion that we recommend Ralph Wagner to Presbytery to be taken under their care as he continues preparation for Christian ministry. The motion was seconded by Keith Demmon. Carried.

Mr. Elderfield led in a prayer of inspiration and fellowship for Ralph Wagner.

The Treasurer's Report on Benevolent Fund was read and discussed. It was suggested by Mr. Marshall that a request be made that Miss McLaren attempt to give some percentages of receipts for current periods to compare with past periods. The report follows-

Receipts- Cash on hand May 1, 1948	-----	468.53
Regular envelopes	-----	506.08
Voluntary Trust Fund	-----	12.50
		<u>518.58</u>
		\$ 987.11

Disbursements-

To Boards of the Church	-----	\$ 500.00
Cash on hand May 31, 1948	-----	487.11
		<u>\$ 987.11</u>

Brief Summary- Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1948	----	265.71
Receipts for five months	-----	3454.06

Benevolent Budget	-----	\$ 8400.00
Amount to be collected	-----	4945.94

Note- Easter offering of \$ 303.05 not included in above summary.

SESSION MINUTES CONTINUED

BRIEF COMPARISON-

May 1948- Receipts -----	Envelopes ----	506.08	(5 Sundays)
	Dividend ----	12.50	518.58

May 1947- Receipts-----	Envelopes ---	338.91	(4 Sundays)
	Dividend ----	12.50	351.41

Receipts for -----	Jan. through May, 1948	Jan. through May, 1947
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Envelopes -----	--\$ 2930.74 -----	--\$ 2444.64
Plate (plus Easter 1948	454.41 -----	125.15
Dividends, gifts -----	106.25 -----	31.25

(22 Sundays)

(21 Sundays)

The Treasurer's Report for the Restoration Fund was read and discussed. Inasmuch as the Restoration Fund has reached the subscribed quota, the entire amount of the Easter collection placed in the Benevolent Fund was common approval. It was moved by Mr. Demmon and passed by common approval that a letter be sent to the Restoration Fund Committee commending their work and noting that completion of outstanding pledges will continue to add to the success of the good work. The report follows-

Restoration Fund for May 1948

Money collected in May 1948 -----	\$ 773.00
Special gift- Presbyterian Guild -----	75.00 \$ 848.00
Money forwarded to D. Allan Locke, Treasurer -----	\$ 848.00
Money collected and forwarded to May 1, 1948 ----	\$ 13,894.75
Money collected and forwarded to June 1, 1948 ---	14,742.75
Money subscribed to Restoration Fund -----	\$ 14,445.00
Amount collected and forwarded to June 1, 1948.-	14,742.75
Amount oversubscribed -----	\$ 297.75

Note- Above monies include individual pledges, plus gifts from church organizations.

As of May 30, 1948-

28 pledges not paid totalling -----	\$ 413.55
2 pledges request cancellation totalling	15.00
26 pledges still unpaid	\$ 398.55

Mr. Marshall- No report
Committees- No reports

Mr. Look brought up the problem of having a dinner for Sunday School personnell. After discussion, Mr. Look made a motion that approximately \$ 1.00 per plate be set aside for a dinner for Sunday School teachers and officers to acquaint them with the new Sunday School curriculum. The committee on Special Week Day Services is to arrange the affair. The motion was seconded by Dr. Rooker. Carried.

June 14, 1948.

SESSION MINUTES CONTINUED

In regard to ushering, the matter of ventilation was discussed and the fact that the use of fans would be increasing during the warm weather and should be taken care of carefully.

Communion will be on Sunday, June 27. The Preparatory Service will precede Communion on Friday, June 25. A Session meeting will follow the Preparatory Service on June 25th.

Mr. Look, reporting on Dr. Knauf's talk said that he reported quite completely on current court decisions on Week Day Religious Education problems from a legal standpoint. He pointed out that the justices are emphasizing that decision rendered have applied to particular cases and are not for general application. Decisions up to this point do not affect our Week Day School of Religious Education. Dr. Knauf stated that there has been too much concern for "how" we taught instead of "what" we taught.

There was considerable discussion of the problem of Religion within industry.

Dr. Rooker suggested calling the Congregational Meeting for June 28, instead of June 21. He read the proposed letter to go to the congregation prior to the meeting. This letter presents three possible development plans.

A motion that the Congregational Meeting to consider completed plans by the Physical Development Committee and to take such action as the congregation may direct on these plans and contingent upon adoption of these proposals to make arrangements to adopt plans for financing the project of projects approved, be held on June 28, 1948 was made by Mr. Elderfield. Seconded by Mr. Look. Carried. (See action of meeting of May 16, 1948.)

Rev. C. C. Berryhill is to arrange for someone to attend Presbytery meeting June 15, 1948.

The next meeting of Session will be Monday, July 12, 1948.

Mr. Easter is to take care of church services during Mr. Berryhill's vacation absence.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mr. Mitchell.

R. C. Snordon
Clerk

June 20, 1948.

SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Session was called following the Morning Worship June 20, 1948.

Present- Moderator Rev. C. C. Berryhill, Elders C. E. Jackson, C. J. Elderfield, W. H. Mitchell, T. L. Bishop, H. E. Morrill, J. G. Marshall.

Absent- Donald Clayton Keith Demmon, Russell Look, E.A. Montgomery, R. C. Snowdon, Dr. Rooker,

The following persons were received into the membership of the Church-

By Letter- Mrs. Beatrice Van Sickle- from Memorial Presbyterian Church- Wilkes Barre, Pa.

BY PROFESSION OF FAITH AND BAPTISM-

Mr. Robert Stryker
Mrs. Robert Stryker

PROFESSION OF FAITH-

Mr. Donald Van Sickle

The meeting was closed with prayer.

R. C. Snowdon
Clerk

June 25, 1948.

SESSION MINUTES

A meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was held on Friday evening, June 25, 1948, immediately following the Preparatory Service.

Present- Moderator Rev. C. C. Berryhill, Rev. Wallace E. Easter
Elders- C. J. Elderfield, Russell Look, R. C. Snowdon,
T. L. Bishop, W. H. Mitchell, H. E. Morrill, J. G. Marshall.
Absent- Elders Keith Demmon, E. A. Montgomery, Donald Clayton,
C. E. Jackson, A. M. Rooker.

The meeting was opened immediately following the Preparatory Service.

Three persons appeared at the meeting to be admitted to church membership by letter.

Mr. Arnold Edgar Hassan- Letter from United Church of Canada.
Mrs. Arnold E. Hassan- Letter from Zion Lutheran Evangelical- City.
Mrs. Frances Reickert- (Elizabeth Heussi) Letter from First Presbyterian Church, Port Huron, N.Y.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mr. C. J. Elderfield and Rev. Wallace E. Easter.



R. C. Snowdon, Clerk.

June 28, 1948.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The meeting was called order by the Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill at 7:45 P. M. in the Chapel.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator and a hymn was sung.

Mr. Norman Duffett was elected Chairman of the meeting by acclamation. Immediately after election, he read the Session Call for the meeting as published in the Church bulletin of June 20 and 27, 1948.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING- By direction of the Session a meeting of the congregation is called for Monday evening, June 28, 1948, at 7:45 o'clock, to consider completed plans presented by the Physical Development Committee, and to take such action as the congregation may direct on these plans, and contingent upon adoption of these proposals to make arrangements to adopt plans for financing the project or projects approved.

Ralph C. Snowdon,
Clerk of Session.

The report of the Physical Development Committee was read by Dr. A. M. Rooker, Chairman. He generally outlined the various projects which had been considered by the Committee the past 2½ years and noted that the Committee finally had settled on three projects suitable for immediate attention:-

- 1- Rearrangement of present Chapel and addition of second floor.
 - 2- Rearrange and lower floor of Basement and room presently used by younger children of the Sunday School.
 - 3- Rearrange and enlarge church entrances on First Street.
- Further details and sketches are attached to and become a part of these minutes.

Dr. Rooker then asked Mr. William Kremers to take the floor and describe the projects in detail. This Mr. Kremers did with the aid of a projection device which had been loaned by the Carborundum Company at the request of Mr. J.E. Donald Hastie.

Dr. Rooker then opened the meeting for general discussion by those present and the plans or projects were taken up in order as units and not as a whole.

PLAN ONE

Questions were raised as to what happens to the high east windows when the second floor is placed in the main Chapel, and what about ventilation. Mr. Roy Lumsden reported as a representative of the Westminster Fellowship. He said that the young people were 100 % against changing the present assembly room because of Badminton and other like activities. He emphasized the need for gymnasium space somewhere.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING CONTINUED

Mr. William Campbell said that the Sunday School now has an enrollment of about 340, from which there is an average attendance of about 250. In answer to further requests for information, he later went on to say our School reached a low point during the war, of 183, which has lately crept back to 250. There is apparently no indication of increase based on the first six months of 1948. He went on further to say that the church must provide "attraction" for young people. Young People are no longer "sent" by parents. He also brought out that in past years an attendance as high as 400 were accommodated in our present Sunday School quarters. He mentioned the need of "arm chairs" relative to taking notes, writing, etc.

Miss Jane Guenther told us that the group system at present practiced is not objectionable. Mr. Berryhill disagreed with this statement.

Mr. Joseph Dawson asked for the trend in Sunday School attendance which was answered by William Campbell in a preceding paragraph.

Messrs. Carl Reisig and Roy Lumsden spoke feelingly about "Religion via Recreation."

Mr. J.E. Donald Hastie suggested "No Second Floor, but install folding doors."

Mr. Carl Reisig said, "The Sunday School of today does not bring the church members of tomorrow." The Sunday School is set up for younger children, and that the 16 to 18 year age group is far more attracted by Badminton and Basketball, and that a living sport's League will carry through.

Mr. Berryhill thinks that if our young people are really interested in a Sport's Program, our church should have another and more suitable place for a gymnasium, going so far as to rent such a place temporarily.

Mr. Roy Lumsden says that the Westminster Fellowship attendance runs around 35. Mr. Easter, he says, is helping markedly to increase the attendance. Mr. Lumsden repeated his plea for keeping the Chapel as it is.

PLAN TWO

Mr. J. E. Donald Hastie makes the point, "Is the exit arrangement for the Basement Room sufficient?" Answer from the group, "No!" and Mr. Bramann suggested an additional exit at the ground level on the North side.

Mrs. H. P. Freeman raised the point about the many steps to the proposed second floor for small children versus the fewer steps to the basement. The Pastor advised that the ideal is -no steps- but that the children do climb stairs at home.

Mr. Roy Rosenberg spoke about again tearing up the kitchen floor in view of its recent over-hauling and repairs.

June 28, 1948.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING CONTINUEDPLAN THREE

Mr. W. E. Mack made a point about hand rails on the very outside steps shown in the sketch. No rails are shown.

Messrs. Fred Wendt and J.E. Donald Hastie were appointed tellers for voting by Mr. Duffett.

Mr. Rosenberg was given the floor once more when he asked, "How are the cost estimates made? How near the fact are the cost estimates in view of present unproductive labor practices and present other high costs?" Mr. Duffett said that the estimates have been made by Mr. Charles Obenhack and checked by Mr. William Kremers. Dr. Rooker said that \$ 1500 has been added since estimates were originally made.

It was moved and seconded by Messrs. Neil Johnson and John Mifflin that each Proposition Plan or Project be voted separately. Carried.

Mr. Berryhill says that prominent men in Niagara Falls and the Presbytery were consulted and indicate that the proposed plans do not go far enough. He said, "We can't have everything," that church schools are changing and that we are trying to fit our church to at least accomplish part of the advancement.

Mr. Duffett ordered a written ballot for all of the plans; each ballot contains each plan separately stated.

It was moved and seconded by Dr. A. M. Rooker and Mr. Dwight Allen that each plan be voted separately but on one ballot. Carried.

The question was raised as to financing. Dr. Rooker and Mr. Duffett indicated that in our minds is "No work without the money previously raised."

Mrs. Robert Nicol: "Is this group authorized to commit the Church to the plans outlined?" Mr. Duffett answered, "Yes."

In answer to a question about improving the appearance of the Sanctuary, Mr. Bramann said that this should wait for consumation of plans in that the tearing up necessary may affect to some extent the Sanctuary, walls, etc.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING CONTINUED

At this point the tellers reported the vote as follows:-

	YES	NO
Plan One -----	24 -----	59 -----
Plan Two -----	45 -----	39 -----
Plan Three -----	28 -----	53 -----

It was moved and seconded by Messrs. Bramann and Mifflin that the Committee be discharged with thanks and that suitable arrangements be made with the architect, Charles Obenhack, regarding his work on the plans. Carried.

It was moved and seconded by Dr. Rooker and Mr. Mifflin that Plan Two be carried out and that the necessary funds be raised by means of a campaign under the direction of a campaign committee to be named by the Pastor and to consist of two members, one each from the Session and Board of Trustees, said campaign to be made at a time as soon as possible after the details can be worked out. Carried.

It was moved and seconded by Messrs. Hastie and Bramann that a revote be taken on Plan Two. It was not representative. Carried.

REVOTE-	YES	NO
Plan Two -----	41 -----	27 -----

It was moved and seconded by Mr. Mifflin and Dr. Rooker that the carrying out of the details of Plan Two due to its approval, be left to the action of the Joint Boards of the Church. Carried.

The minutes were read by the clerk and it was duly moved and seconded that they be approved as read.

It was duly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn. The meeting was duly adjourned at 10:25 P.M.

There were about 85 persons present.

Ralph C. Snowden

 Ralph C. Snowden,
 Clerk.

July 12, 1948

MINUTES OF A JOINT MEETING OF THE
SESSION AND TRUSTEES OF THE FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HELD JULY 12,
1948, at 7:30 P.M.

Present- Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Messrs. T. L. Bishop, Donald Clayton, C. J. Elderfield, C. E. Jackson, Russell Look, W. H. Mitchell, E. A. Montgomery, H. E. Morrill and Dr. A. M. Rooker from the Session and Mrs. Thomas Crosse, Mrs. Elizabeth Pritchard and Messrs. George Bramann, J.E. Donald Hastie, William Kremers, R. J. Moore and Douglas Robertson from the Board of Trustees.

Rev. C. C. Berryhill, Moderator, presided and Mr. Montgomery acted as Clerk of the meeting.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Berryhill.

Mr. Berryhill reported that at the special congregational meeting the details of carrying out Plan II for improvement of the basement area in the church building were left to the joint boards of the church. He pointed out that suggestions had been made for changes in the Plan to reduce the scope of the improvement to creating three classrooms and a nursery by the installation of moveable partitions, painting the entire section and installing a liberal amount of equipment in the interest of the Church School, such as chairs, tables, moveable stage, blackboards, maps, etc.

After discussion, it was moved and seconded that a committee of the joint boards be appointed by the Moderator to consider a substitute for Plan II, including new equipment and changes on the second floor and that this committee make recommendations to the joint boards and to the congregation at a meeting to be called on a date suggested by the committee. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that the joint committee have authority to present to the congregation any other matter having to do with church property and the improvement thereof. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that the thanks of the congregation be extended to Mr. Hastie and his committee for their help in presenting the plans to the congregational meeting. Carried.

There being no further business, the meeting, on motion, adjourned.

E. A. Montgomery
E. A. Montgomery, Clerk,
pro tem.

July 12, 1948.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SESSION
OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HELD ON
JULY 12, 1948, at 9:30 P.M.

Present:- Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Elders T. L. Bishop, C. J. Elderfield, C. E. Jackson, Russell Look, W. H. Mitchell, E. A. Montgomery, H. E. Morrill and Dr. A. M. Rooker.

Mr. Berryhill, Moderator, opened the meeting and Mr. E. A. Montgomery acted as Clerk.

The minutes of the meetings held on June 14, 1948, June 20, 1948 and June 25, 1948, were read and approved.

The Clerk presented the Treasurer's reports as follows:-

BENEVOLENT FUND FOR JUNE, 1948

RECEIPTS-

Cash on hand June 1, 1948 -----	\$ 487.11
Communion Plate -----	38.60
Regular Envelopes -----	500.45
	<u>\$1026.16</u>

DISBURSEMENTS-

For Chaplains' Fund for Buffalo Students ----	25.00
Presbytery Tax for Budget B (2nd quarter) ---	120.00
New York State Council of Churches, Inc. -----	20.00
Auburn Theological Seminary -----	50.00
Westminster Foundation of Pennsylvania	
State College -----	50.00
To Boards of the Church -----	600.00
	<u>\$ 865.00</u>
Cash on hand June 30, 1948 -----	161.16
	<u>\$ 1026.16</u>

(See attached graph for summary)

SESSION MEETING
July 12, Con.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR JUNE, 1948

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1948
June 1, 1948 ----- \$ 2,752.09
Received in June, 1948
*the Legacy of Anna J. White ----- 200.00
Total June 30, 1948 ----- \$ 2,952.09

*By motion of Board of Trustees on June 10, 1948.

RESTORATION FUND JUNE 1948

Money collected in June, 1948 ----- \$ 100.50
Money forwarded to D. Allan Locke ----- 100.50

Money collected and forwarded to June 1, 1948 --- \$14,742.75
Money collected and forwarded to July 1, 1948 --- 14,843.25
Women's Church and Missionary Society ----- 500.00
\$ 15,343.25

Amount subscribed to Restoration Fund ----- \$ 14,445.00
Amount oversubscribed ----- 898.25
\$ 15,343.25

As of June 30, 1948-
19 pledges unpaid ----- \$ 308.05

J. McLaren, Treasurer.

It was moved by Mr. Elderfield and seconded by Dr. Rooker that a contribution of \$ 10.00 be made to the Niagara Falls Religious Fellowship to the expense of publishing comments on the Sunday School Lessons in the Niagara Falls Gazette. Carried.

The Moderator announced that a Training Class for lay leaders on the New Life Movement would be held on October 5th and 6th, 1948.

The Moderator recommended that Mrs. McKellips be granted a vacation from July 18 to July 31, 1948, the week commencing August 28, 1948, and one week at a later date. This recommendation was approved.

The Moderator announced that eh would be absent from the Church during the month of August and that Mr. Easter would be responsible for services during that time.

There being no further business the meeting was closed with prayer by Mr. Mitchell.

E. A. Montgomery
E. A. Montgomery, Clerk pro tem.

September 13, 1948.
7:30 P.M.

SESSION MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was held on Monday evening, September 13, at 7:30 o'clock.

Present:- Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill, Rev. Wallace E. Easter and Elders- C. J. Elderfield, C. E. Jackson, Russell Look, J. G. Marshall, W. H. Mitchell, E. A. Montgomery, H. E. Morrill and Dr. A. M. Rooker.

Absent- Donald Clayton, Keith Demmon, Dr. R. C. Snowdon, T. L. Bishop.

Rev. C. C. Berryhill presided and Mr. E. A. Montgomery acted as Clerk pro tem.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Morrill.

The Clerk presented the following reports from the Church Treasurer which were received and ordered to be filed-

TWO MONTHS SUMMARY July and August- BENEVOLENT FUND

DISBURSED-Niagara Falls Religious Fellowship for Sunday

School lesson published in Gazette	-----	\$ 10.00
Presbytery Budget Tax A 3rd Qr.	-----	156.00
Presbytery Budget Tax B 3rd qr.	-----	120.00
To Boards of the Church	-----	900.00
		<u>\$ 1186.00</u>

RECEIPTS- Cash on hand July 1, 1948 ----- 161.16

Envelopes	-----	1139.28
		<u>1300.44</u>
	Total Receipts	----- 1300.44
	Disbursed	----- 1186.00
	On hand Aug.31, 1948	<u>114.44</u>

Total Budget-----\$ 8400.00

(8 months)

Total Receipts	-----	5169.73	61.5%
		<u>3230.27</u>	28.3%

RESTORATION FUND - July and August

Money collected in August 1948	-----	\$ 35.00
Money forwarded to D. Allan Locke	-----	35.00
Money collected and forwarded to July 1, 1948		\$ 14,843.25
Money collected and forwarded to September, 1948	--	14,878.25
Amount subscribed to Restoration Fund	-----	\$ 14,445.00
Amount oversubscribed	-----	433.25
Women's Missionary Society	-----	500.00
Total oversubscribed	---\$	<u>933.25</u>
As of August 31, 1948-	10 unpaid pledges	273.05

Sept. 13, Continued.

MEMORIAL FUND-

Summary for eight months - January through August 1948

RECEIPTS-

Cash on hand January 1-July 1- 1948 -----	\$ 1121.30
Received in July 1948 -----	10.00
Interest to July 1, 1948 -----	20.00
	<u>\$ 1151.30</u>
Cash on hand Aug. 31, 1948 -----	1151.30

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

For June, July and August, 1948.

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1948 -----	\$ 2,752.09
Anna White Legacy ----- June, 1948-----	200.00
Interest to July 1, 1948 -----	54.16
Cash on hand Aug. 31, 1948 -----	<u>3,006.25</u>

----- Jean McLaren, Treas.

The Moderator discussed the plan for the annual visitation to be made to members of the congregation prior to the October Communion and presented cards for visitation to the Elders present.

The Moderator stated that it was in order to appoint a Youth Budget Director for the coming year. It was moved and seconded that Mr. William Campbell be asked to serve as Youth Budget Director. Carried.

The Moderator presented his report of the Pastor's Fund as follows:-

Outgo- June 1948 -----	\$ 15.00
Outgo- August, 1948-----	4.00
Balance -----	<u>317.53</u>

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Financial Committee be requested to bring in a recommendation to the next meeting of the items on the operating budget controlled by the Session and the Benevolent Budget for 1949.

It was moved and seconded that a Sepcial Congregational Meeting be held on October 18, 1948 to act on the budget for 1949. Carried.

The Moderator presented a recommendation from the Board of Trustees that a Treasurer of the Church be appointed to serve in a voluntary capacity to look after the financial condition of the church and the annual financial enrollment. After full discussion, it was moved and seconded that the Session favors this recommendation and further consideration of it. Carried.

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In was moved, seconded and carried that the sum of \$ 10.00 be sent as a contribution to the espense of the Laymen's Training Course of the New Life Movement.

Mr. Marshall was designated the representative of this church to the meeting of the Presbytery to be held September 28, 1948.

SEPT. 13, 1948.
Minutes, continued.

The Moderator stated that due to the illness of Mr. T. L. Bishop, it would be necessary to appoint a new Institutional Representative on the Boy Scout Council. After discussion, it was moved and seconded that Mr. E. W. Jewett be asked to serve as Council Representative on the Boy Scout Council representing this Church. Carried.

The Moderator stated that in would be in order to consider a suitable celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the founding of this Church which will take place next year. It was moved, seconded and carried that the call for special congregational meeting include the appointment of a committee by the congregation to consider the celebration of this anniversary.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the call for a special congregational meeting be held on October 18, 1948, include action of the Committee appointed by the Joint Boards of the Church with respect to modification of plans for improvement of the church property.

The Moderator presented the proposal of the Presbytery that it erect a summer camp on property owned by the Presbytery to be used for Young People's Conferences. After discussion, it was the consensus of the meeting that the Session is interested in this proposition and it was moved, seconded and carried that the Sunday School and Young People's Committee consider this camp project and report to the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with prayer by Mr. Easter.

Edward B. Montgomery
E. A. Montgomery, Clerk
Pro Tem

*Mr. Look reported with respect to the dinner meeting of the Church School teachers and officers the cost of which the Session agreed should be paid from the church funds. The amount of the bill was \$29.59. It was moved, seconded and carried that this bill be paid and than an expression of gratitude be extended to Mrs. Lumsden and her helpers for preparing and serving the dinner.

September 26, 1948.

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING
SUNDAY, Sept. 26, 1948.

A special meeting of the session of the First Presbyterian Church was called after the service Sunday morning, September 26, 1948.

Present- Moderator C. C. Berryhill and W. E. Easter.

Elders- Keith Demmon, E. A. Montgomery, R. C. Snowdon, J. G. Marshall, W. H. Mitchell, Russell M. Look, C. E. Jackson, H. E. Morrill and Dr. A. M. Rooker.

Absent- Elders C. J. Elderfield, Donald Clayton and T. L. Bishop.

The following persons met with the session desiring membership and were received-

BY LETTER-

Frank Ellis Woodley, Jr. from St. Peter's Episcopal

REAFFIRMATION-

Armand J. Caterina ✓
Mrs. Joseph Baker ✓
Mrs. Muriel Spavin
Mrs. Erma O'Neill

The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Wallace E. Easter.

R. C. Snowdon
R. C. Snowdon, Clerk.

October 1, 1948.

The Session met following the Preparatory Service on October 1, 1948.

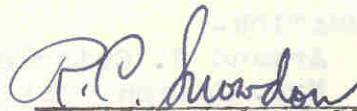
PRESENT- Moderator Rev. Charles C. Berryhill, Rev. Wallace E. Easter and Elders Keith Demmon, Russell Look, J. G. Marshall, R. C. Snowden, A. M. Rooker, H. E. Morrill and W. H. Mitchell.

ABSENT- Elders T. L. Bishop, Donald Clayton, C. J. Elderfield and R. A. Montgomery, C. E. Jackson.

The following persons were received into membership of the Church.

Joseph Baker
Mrs. Minnie F. Shultz
Mrs. Nina Collins.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with prayer.



R. C. Snowden, Clerk.

SEPTEMBER DISMISSALS-

John R. Jewett- to Colonial Village Presbyterian Church- City.
Mrs. Elizabeth Eydt- First Methodist Church- City.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wheeler- First Methodist Church, Racine, Wis.

October 4, 1948.

SESSION MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was held on Monday evening, October 4, at 7:30 o'clock.

Present- Moderator Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Rev. Wallace E. Easter.
Elders- Donald Clayton, Keith Demmon, J. G. Marshall,
W. H. Mitchell, C. E. Jackson, A. M. Rooker, Russell Look.

Absent- Elders- E. A. Montgomery, R. C. Snowdon, H. E. Morrill,
C. J. Elderfield and T. L. Bishop.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Wallace E. Easter.

The minutes of meeting of September 13 were read and approved as corrected. Minutes of meeting of September 26 and October 1, 1948, were approved as read.

The Treasurer's reports were read for September including Graph.
BENEVOLENT FUND-

Receipts-

Cash on hand Sept. 1, 1948	-----	\$ 114.44
Envelopes	-----	446.17
U.S. Savings Bond Interest	-----	18.75
Special gift	-----	5.00
		<u>\$ 604.36</u>

Disbursements-

To Boards of Church	-----	\$ 500.00
Cash on hand September 30, 1948	-----	104.36
		<u>\$ 604.36</u>

Total budget	-----	8400.00
Total receipts (9 mos.)		5659.65 67.25%
		<u>2740.35 32.75%</u>

Pulpit Committee- No report.

Finance Committee- presented by Mr. J. G. Marshall. He presented the Benevolence Budget as proposed for 1949. Mr. Marshall moved the budget be approved. Seconded by Dr. Rooker. Carried.

Mr. Marshall moved that an item of \$ 500.00 for Sunday School curriculum be included in budget. Seconded by Mr. Demmon. Carried.

Mr. Marshall moved that Operating items be approved. Seconded by Dr. Rooker. Carried.

Pastor's Fund report- Outgo-----\$ 17.00
Balance ----- 300.53

It was decided to hold the joint meeting of the Boards of the Church one half hour before the congregational meeting or 7:15 Monday, October 18.

Oct. 4, 1948.

SESSION MINUTES continued

Wm. Campbell accepted appointment as Director of Youth Budget for year 1949.

Sunday School Committee requested for permission to ask every member to support Duffield Camp to the extent if a total of \$ 1000.00 by solicitation. The committee recommends this action. The Session agrees to endorse this project of the young people to be put on at most appropriate time after December 1 1948. The motion was made that Session endorse this action. Motion made by Keith Demmon, seconded by C.E. Jackson. Carried.

Mr. Berryhill requested that Session request the Trustees to pay our portion of \$ 2.50 for the advertisement in last Saturday's newspaper ad in the Gazette relative to the new Sunday School Curriculum. Carried by vote.

It was suggested by Mr. Berryhill to add to operating fund budget a miscellaneous item of \$ 150.00. It was moved by Mr. Mitchell and seconded by Mr. Jackson that this be done. Carried.

Mr. W. H. Mitchell was appointed as representative to the next meeting of Presbytery.

The Question of announcement of hymns in Sunday Service was discussed. The matter was left to be further considered at the next Session meeting.

The date for the next communion was set for December 5th, 1948.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill

Donald Clayton
Donald Clayton, Clerk protem.

October 18, 1948.

MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF BOARDS

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Berryhill at 7:15 o'clock. It was asked to consider the Proposed Annual Budgets for 1949 and to prepare for the Congregational meeting which followed the same evening.

Session members present-

Keith Demmon
C. J. Elderfield
C. E. Jackson
H. E. Morrill
E. A. Montgomery
R. C. Snowdon

Trustees Present

George M. Bramann
Mrs. Thomas Crosse
A. J. Flagg
T. R. McNeill

Mr. Bramann was asked to explain and compare the operating fund part of the budget and Mr. Montgomery was asked to explain and compare the parts of the budget having to do with items controlled by the Session and the Benevolent Budget.

Messrs. Bramann and Morrill moved and seconded that the above mentioned portions of the budget be presented to the congregation for its approval. Carried.

In the absence of Mr. Wm. Campbell it was duly moved, seconded and carried that the Proposed Budget known as "Youth Budget" be approved for submission to the Congregational meeting.

Mr. H. E. Morrill was duly appointed chairman of the Congregational meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

R. C. Snowdon
R. C. Snowdon, Clerk.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill at 8:00 o'clock, P.M. A prayer was offered by the Moderator who also read the call of the meeting.

It was moved and seconded by Messrs. Demmon and Duffett that Mr. H. E. Morrill be nominated Chairman. Carried. Mr. Morrill was declared chairman of the meeting.

Mrs. Ruth M. Ginther has offered to take stenographic notes of the meeting. Her offer was gratefully accepted.

125- Anniversary of the Church - The Clerk, R. C. Snowdon asked for an expression of opinion concerning the anniversary and suggested that the matter be left in the hands of the Session.

It was moved by Mr. Elderfield, seconded by Mr. Shubert that a committee be appointed to be made up partly from the Session, partly from the Trustees and partly from the congregation. Carried.

No further action was taken except to suggest that the matter of chairman and others be referred to the Session and note was made that \$ 500.00 is carried in the budget for 1949 to take care of the expense.

Church Improvement Committee on additions to the Physical Facilities of the church. The chairman called on Mr. Wm. Kremers to outline. Mr. Kremers said that the committee has had several meetings; that this is the time and these things are proper things to be done. The present plans vary from those previously proposed in that the chief things are improvements in connection with the Sunday School. It is believed that the figures submitted in the way of expense are practical and can be accomplished. Some of the rooms should be partitioned into smaller class rooms. More and better equipment, such as chairs, tables, black boards should be supplied. The plan includes folding partitions, the use of the old folding doors, partition in basement, dividing the Philathea class room into two smaller units and using part of the north room in chapel for a library.

Minor improvements to the ventilating system should be made especially in connection with the basement room.

The sanctuary need rehabilitation authorized last year but never done. Now plan to redecorate, clean up floors, get new carpeting and change electric lighting fixtures.

Mr. Bramann was asked to talk and said in effect- last year the congregation authorized the raising of \$ 7000.00 to paint the sanctuary, add an oil burner for one boiler, repair and change the kitchen, and secure chairs. We planned to raise \$ 3,500.00 by December 1948, and \$ 3,500 by December, 1949, total \$ 7000.00

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - CONTINUED
OCTOBER 18, 1948.

The Trustees started the program. An oil burner and water level regulator was installed and the kitchen floor was replaced. Further work was deferred in view of larger program contemplated for 1948 which leaves a balance of about \$ 900.00 in the "Deferred Maintenance Fund." There is also about \$ 1900.00 which has accumulated in "Physical Development Fund" for same years. These two amounts viz- \$ 2800.00 can be used for the work projected below-

1- SANCTUARY - Pain and redecorate walls, refinish furniture and floors, provide new electric lighting fixtures, new carpet for uncarpeted areas, clean cushions, paint chapel, upholster pulpit furniture and replace choir curtain. Estimated cost \$ 9000.00

2- SUNDAY SCHOOL FACILITIES- (a)- Movable partitions in Chapel, basement and Junior departments, increase the ventilation in the basement, paint the basement and varnish the floor, put in acoustical ceiling, change lighting and fix a partition in the north room. Estimated cost- \$ 8000.00.

(b)- Items of equipment are proposed;- ~~certain~~ items for nursery, equipment for three primary rooms in the Beginners' Department, new equipment for the new rooms resulting from Philathea Room division, curtains in Junior department, windows in the nursery, a program platform for the sanctuary. Estimated cost- \$ 3000.00

3- OTHER CHURCH EQUIPMENT -New Multilith machine, better gas range for kitchen and other, estimated cost- \$ 1184.00

4- CONTINGENCIES - Estimated cost- \$ 2080.00

TOTAL PLANS AS ABOVE-	Estimated -----	\$ 23,264.00
	On hand -----	1,900.00
	Balance to be raised -----	\$ 21,364.00

During the discussion period, Messrs. Berryhill, Elderfield, Bovier, Morrill, Wendt, and Mesdames Allen and Gray spoke at length. The general principle appears to try to get divided rooms for Sunday School Classes and Nursery.

It was moved and seconded by Messrs. Bramann and Mitchell that the meeting reserve the action adopting Plan 2 as adopted at the Congregational meeting of June 28, 1948. Carried.

It was moved and seconded by Messrs. Bramann and Mitchell that the Renovation Program as presented tonight, not to exceed \$ 24,000.00 be adopted. Carried.

Chairman H. E. Morrill called for consideration and adoption of the Church budgets for 1949.

Mr. Elderfield discussed the budget for 1948. It appears that about 68% of the revised budget for 1948 has been raised as of September 1948.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING -continued
OCTOBER 18, 1948

A vigorous and informative discussing concerning bothe budgets and improvements took place at this point.

It was moved and seconded by Dr. Rooker nad Mr. Duffett that the church budget as presented be adopted with a note attached that the amount \$ 1500.00, which is an interest and principal item for debt retirement be deducted if other methods are arrived at for raising the funds for Proposed Improvements. Carried.

Dr. Rooker moved, seconded by Mr. Elderfield, that this meeting go on record as favoring the "subscription method" of payment for the "improvements. Carried.

It was moved by Dr. Rooker, seconded by Mr. Elderfield that the method and details for financing improvements be left to the "Finance Committee" of the Session and Board of Trustees, not to exceed \$ 22,000.00 Carried.

Mr. Morrill introduced Messrs. O. F. Brain and A. E. Habgood, Co-Directors of the 1949 Canvass. He also introduced Mr. Wm. Campbell, Director of the Youth Budget for 1949 as members of the Church Improvement Committee as appointed by the Joint Boards, Messrs. Bramann, Wendt, Look, Mrs. Pritchard and Mrs. Naill.

Mr. C. E. Jackson spoke concerning New Life Visitation, and Mrs. Pritchard talked for the Committee for plans aimed at securing the vital needs of the church school.

It was moved and seconded by Mrs. Berryhill and Mr. Duffett that a vote of appreciation be accorded the Church Improvement Committee. Carried.

It was moved and seconded by Messrs. Shubert and Demmon that expressions of thanks be accorded the Joint Boards for their work in connection with improvement. Carried.

The minutes of the meeting were read by Mrs. Ginther and approved as read.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Rev. W.E.Easter at 10:30 P.M.

R. C. Snowdon
R. C. Snowdon, Clerk.

November 1, 1948.

SESSION MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was held on Monday evening, November 1, at 7:30 o'clock.

Present- Moderator C. C. Berryhill and W. E. Easter and Elders C. J. Elderfield, Russell Look, J. G. Marshall, W. H. Mitchell, E. A. Montgomery, R. C. Snowdon, Dr. A. M. Rooker and H. E. Morrill.

Absent- Elders T. L. Bishop, C. E. Jackson, Donald Clayton and Keith Demmon.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Berryhill.

The minutes of the meeting of October 4, 1948 were read and approved.

Miss McLaren's Reports were read as follows-

BENEVOLENT FUND for OCTOBER, 1948.

RECEIPTS- Cash on hand October 1, 1948	-----	\$ 104.36
Communion Plate	-----	65.06
Regular Envelopes	-----	962.47
		\$ 1131.89
Youth Budget Benevolences	-----	312.33
		\$ 1444.22

DISBURSEMENTS-

Presbytery Tax- Budget A 4th quarter	-----	156.00
Presbytery Tax- Budget B - Church	-----	80.00
(4th Quarter) Youth Budget	-----	40.00
To Boards of Church-		
Church	-----	700.00
Youth Budget	-----	272.33
		1248.33
Cash on hand October 31, 1948	-----	195.89
		\$ 1444.22
Total Budget	-----	\$ 8400.00
Total receipts (including Youth Budget)	-----	\$ 6999.51 83%
		\$ 1400.49 17%

RESTORATION FUND September-October Reports.

No receipts in September 1948.

Money collected in October, 1948	-----	\$ 40.00
Money collected and sent to D. Allan Locke	-----	40.00

Money collected and forwarded to Sept. 1948	--	14,878.25
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Money collected and forwarded to Nov. 1948	--	14,918.25
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Amount subscribed to Restoration Fund	-----	14,445.00
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RESTORATION FUND, con-

Amount over-subscribed -----	\$ 473.25
Women's Missionary Society-----	\$500.00
Total over-subscribed -----	\$ 973.00

As of October 31, 1948 ----- 17 unpaid pledges.

These two reports were approved as read.

In connection with the Music Committee, considerable discussion took place in the matter of a Junior Choir.

Mr. Look reported for the Sunday School and Youth Committee in connection with the use of the New Curriculum.

In connection with Youth Activities, Mr. Easter spoke briefly about the solicitation of Funds for Camp Duffield.

At Mr. Berryhill's suggestion, Mr. Mitchell and Dr. Rooker moved and seconded that the next Preparatory Service be held Wednesday, December 1, 1948. Carried.

The Pastor's Fund decreased \$ 13.50 during the past month. The balance now is \$ 287.03.

Mr. Morrill reported on the recent New Life Visitation, as a result of which about fifteen new members will join our church in the near future.

It is anticipated that some attention will be paid to the 125th anniversary of the church. There is a general opinion the matter of recognition be left in the hands of Mr. Berryhill for the moment.

The Synod meeting took place at Glens Falls, New York on October 18,19, 20,21, 1948. Mr. Look attended and reported at length.

Mr. Jewett reported in writing about activities of Troop Three, Boy Scouts of America, and wished to have spread on the minutes our approval of the Annual Re-chartering of the Troop.

The Clerk was directed to write the city manager about the abuse of the Parking Place in front of the church, especially at times of worship, by Taxi Cabs. Copy of the letter to go to Councilman Charles H. Brown, Jr.

It was moved and seconded by Dr. Rooker and Mr. Morrill that such a letter be sent. Carried.

Mr. Berryhill noted that the Every Member Enrollment will start on Sunday, November 21, 1948.

SESSION MEETING- CONTINUED
Nov. 1, 1948.

Mr. Mitchell attended the Presbytery Meeting at Westfield Presbyterian Church on October 26, 1948. He reported briefly.

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned with short prayer by Messrs. Look, Elderfield and Easter at 9:40 o'clock, P.M.

R. C. Snowdon
R. C. Snowdon, Clerk.

November 26, 1948.

SESSION MINUTES

A special meeting of the Session was called after the Sunday morning Service, November 26, 1948, for the purpose of receiving new members.

The following members of the Session were present- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill; Elders Russell Look, W. H. Mitchell, C. J. Elderfield, E. A. Montgomery, A. M. Rooker, H. E. Morrill, C. E. Jackson, J. G. Marshall

Absent- R. C. Snowden, T. L. Bishop, Keith Demmon, Donald Clayton,

The following persons desiring membership were received-

BY LETTER-

Mr. Elmer Fox - Hickory St. Presbyterian Church, Scranton, Penna.

Mrs. Elmer Fox- (Elmira)- Dr. Jones Memorial Congregational Church
Scranton, Penna.

Mrs. Matilda Hague- Morristown Methodist Church- Masontown, Penna.

Miss Ruby Hague - Morristown Methodist Church- Masontown, Pa.

Kenneth Williams - First Baptist Church- Niagara Falls, N.Y.

BY REAFFIRMATION OR PROFESSION OF FAITH

Mrs. Charles McMurdo

Mr. Charles Angle

Mrs. C. F. McNeil

Mr. Wm. Cook - Baptism

Mrs. Wm. Cook - Baptism

Mr. Wm. Chas. Westerman - Baptism

Mrs. Wm. Chas. Westerman - Baptism

Miss Alyce Noonan

The meeting was closed with prayer by C. J. Elderfield.

C. E. Jackson
C. E. Jackson, Clerk Pro Tem

December 1, 1948.

SESSION MINUTES

A meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was called immediately following the Preparatory Service on December 1, 1948.

Present- Moderator Rev. Charles C. Berryhill;
Rev. Wallace E. Easter and Elders Russell Look, J. G. Marshall,
W. H. Mitchell, E. A. Montgomery, Dr. Snowdon, C. E. Jackson,
H. E. Morrill.

Absent- Keith Demmon, T. L. Bishop, Donald Clayton and Dr. A.M.Rooker.

The following persons presented themselves and were received into membership of this Church- Instruction was given by Rev. C.C.Berryhill.

BY LETTER-

Mr. James S. Booth- Philipsburg Pres. Church, Philipsburg, Pa.

Mrs. James Booth- (Lucille) -Osceola Mills Presbyterian Church
Osceola, Pa.

Robert Dumbleton- Osceola Presbyterian Church- Osceola Mills, Pa.

Henry E. Schoepflin- First Presbyterian Church, Attica, N.Y.

Mrs. Henry E. Schoepflin (Doris)- First Presbyterian Church, Attica,N.Y.

Mrs. Clarence N. Tyler (Madelyn)- First Presbyterian Church-
Ashtabula, Ohio

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH-

Mrs. Robert L. Dumbleton (Bernice)

Glenn R. MacVean - Baptism

Mrs. Glenn R. MacVean

Mrs. Donald W. McIntire (Odyne)- Baptism

Mr. Donald W. McIntire

Richard J. O'Brien

Mrs. Richard J. O'Brien (Frances) Baptism

Clarence N. Tyler

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mr. Elderfield and Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

R. C. Snowdon
R. C. Snowdon, Clerk.

December 5, 1948.

The Session met just preceding the Communion Service on Sunday, December 5, at 10:30 A.M.

The following persons were received into membership-

Merrill
Mr. Albert Shourds- by letter from First Presbyterian Church,
Metuchen, N.J.
Mrs. Albert Shourds- by letter from First Presbyterian Church,
Metuchen, N.J.
Mrs. Richard Rooker- 1st Pres. Church- Pelham, N.Y.

After prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill, they then adjourned to the Communion Service.

R. C. Snowden
R. C. Snowden, Clerk.

DISMISSALS

October 22- Mrs. Haldane Baumhofer to Youngstown Presbyterian Church
October 28- John A. Williamson to Westminster Presbyterian Church,
University, Va.
October 29- Mr. and Mrs. George Guinther- to Bethany Lutheran Church,
Niagara Falls, N.Y.
Nov. 4- Arlene E. Gray- to First Presbyterian Church, Syracuse, N.Y.
Nov. 4- Robert Alsworth- to West Side Methodist Church,
Ann Arbor, Michigan.
Nov. 24- Mrs. Edward McCabe- Congregational Church, Cambria, N.Y.
Nove. 24 Mary McCabe - Congregational Church, Cambria, N.Y.

December 6, 1948.

SESSION MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Session was held on Monday evening, December 6, at 7:30 o'clock.

Present- Moderator Rev. Charles C. Berryhill: also Rev. Wallace E. Easter and Elders- Keith Demmon, C. J. Elderfield, Russell Look, J. G. Marshall, E. A. Montgomery, R. C. Snowdon, Dr. A. M. Rooker, H. E. Morrill and W. H. Mitchell.

Absent- C. E. Jackson, T. L. Bishop, Donald Clayton.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

The minutes of the meetings of November 1, November 26, December 1 and December 5, 1948, were read and approved with two changes- the balance in the Pastor's Fund should be \$ 287.03 not \$ 287.50. It is noted that the minutes of December 5 should contain the statement that Mrs. Richard W. Rooker has been admitted to church membership by letter.

The Treasurer's Benevolent Fund report for November 1948 was read and approved as read.

BENEVOLENT REPORT FOR NOVEMBER
1948

Receipts-

Cash on hand November 1, 1948	-----	\$ 195.89
Envelopes	-----558.67	
Voluntary Trust Fund	-----11.00	569.67
		<u>\$ 765.56</u>

Disbursements-

Gift- Park College	-----	50.00
Gift- World Council of Churches	-----	25.00
Central Distributing Agency	-----	600.00
Cash on hand November 30, 1948	-----	90.56

Summary-

All specially designated budget gifts have been paid.

Presbytery taxes all paid.

There remains only to be paid on our quota, \$ 424.67
to the Board of the Church.

Total Budget	-----	\$ 8400.00	
Total Receipts (Including Youth Budget)	-----	7569.90	90%
Total to be collected	-----	\$ 830.82	10%

Jean McLaren, Treasurer.

Messrs. A. E. Habgood and O. G. Brain are to be commended for their conduct of the Every Member Enrollment. It was duly moved, seconded and carried that a suitable letter be sent by the Clerk to these gentlemen, of thanks and congratulation.

The Session requests the Trustees to join them in directing that all subscriptions made during the Every Member Enrollment and called "Undesignated" shall be distributed 28% to Benevolences and 72% to the Operating Budget, providing 90% of the Operating Budget is underwritten and until the final distribution shall not exceed 28% of the subscriptions in the Every Member Enrollment.

It was moved by Mr. Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Elderfield that the above noted request be adopted. Carried.

The Session directs the Pastor to inform the Presbytery that one expected contribution to the Benevolent Budget be 20% of 90% of the total 1949 Budget. This was accepted by the Session.

Mr. Berryhill reported that the Pastor's Fund showed-
Income- \$ 10.00, paid out \$ 27.00; Balance on hand \$ 270.63

The Session directs the church Treasurer to pay at once to Mrs. Inez C. McKellips, our church secretary, a bonus amounting to \$ 100.00. This sum shall be charged to the Operating Fund under the items designated "Additional Secretarial Work."

The Session approved the recommendation of the Christian Education Committee asking the Session to endorse the following procedure for electing Sunday School officers:-

- 1- The General Superintendent of the Sunday School shall appoint a Committee consisting of one teacher or officer from each department of the Sunday School and these shall serve with the chairman of the Session committee on Sunday School and Young People's work in preparing nominations for officers for the year ahead.
- 2- The Committee so constituted shall make its report to the Session and when the Committees' nominations have been approved by the Session the nominees shall be considered elected to office.

The Session understands that the nominees are to be selected by the departments directly interested.

The special Week Day Service Committee consisting of Messrs. Look, Jackson and Snowden are to take the responsibility for the program for the Congregational meeting to be held January 17, 1949.


125th Anniversary - Mr. Berryhill has appointed a committee consisting of Colin Macdonald, Chairman, Mrs. Robert Nicol, Miss Ethel Smith, Miss Jean McLaren, Mrs. F. E. Lawrence, Mrs. Kenneth E. Garrecht, Mrs. Stuart Fleming, Miss Martha Brown and Messrs. John Guintner, Dwight Allen, C. J. Elderfield, J. G. Marshall, Dr. A. M. Rooker, W. H. Mitchell, Dr. R. C. Snowden and Walter E. Mack. This committee shall be an Executive Committee and shall set dates and determine the nature of the celebration.

December 6, 1948.
Minutes, continued.

A Week of Prayer has been set for the first full week in January 1949. Special emphasis is made for the meeting Wednesday, January 5, 1949.

The Session has designated Mr. C. E. Jackson as its representative on the Presbytery's Duffield Project.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Mr. Berryhill at 10:30 o'clock, P.M.


P. C. Snowden, Clerk.

Dismissals in December-

Mr. and Mrs. Mark M. Templeton- to First Presbyterian
Church, Florence, Alabama.
James and David Templeton- to First Presbyterian Church
Florence, Alabama

January 3, 1949.

SESSION MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was held Monday evening, January 3m 1949.

PRESENT- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill- Also Rev. Wallace E. Easter and Elders C. J. Elderfield, Russell Look, J. G. Marshall, W. H. Mitchell, E. A. Montgomery, R. C. Snowden, H. E. Morrill.

ABSENT- Elders Keith Demmon, C. E. Jackson, T. L. Bishop, Donald Clayton, Dr. A. M. Rooker.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

The minutes of December 6, 1948, were read and with the following corrections, approved.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Easter and not by Mr. Berryhill.

Mr. Berryhill corrects the statement in which he is directed to inform the Presbytery that "our expected contribution to the Benevolent Budget be 20 % of 90% of the total 1949 Budget" by changing the figure 20% to 25%.

Mrs. McKellip's letter of thanks for her bonus was received, read, and ordered filed.

The Treasurer's report covering the Benevolent Fund for December 1949 and the Restoration Fund for November and December 1948 were read and approved, and are as follows-

BENEVOLENT FUNDRECEIPTS-

Cash on hand December 1, 1948	-----	\$ 90.56
Envelopes	-----	\$ 584.32
Communion Plate	-----	54.66
Special Christmas Benevolence	-----	94.85
Youth Budget Benevolence	-----	225.25
	-----	<u>1049.64</u>

DISBURSEMENTS-

To Boards of the Church-		
Church	-----	\$ 702.42
Youth Budget	-----	225.25
Cash on hand December 31, 1948	-----	121.97
	-----	<u>1049.64</u>

SUMMARY-

Budget Item- To Boards of Church	-----	7097.00
Paid to Boards of Church-		
Church	-----	\$ 7102.42
Youth Budget	-----	497.58
	-----	<u>7600.00</u>
Total Budget	-----	8400.00
Total Budget- Church	-----	\$ 7990.68
Youth Budget	-----	537.58
	-----	<u>8528.26</u>
		101.5%

January 1, 1949

Minutes, con.

RESTORATION FUNDNO RECEIPTS in November- 1948

Money collected in December 1948 -----	\$ 8.00
Money-forwarded to D. Allan Locke -----	8.00
Money collected and forwarded to November 1948 -----	\$ 14,918.25
Money collected and forwarded to January 1, 1949----	14,926.25
Amount subscribed to Restoration Fund -----	14,445.00
Amount over-subscribed -----	481.25
Women's Missionary Society - gift -----	500.00
Special gift- December 31, 1948 sent directly -----	500.00
Total amount sent to Restoration Fund in the name of First Presbyterian Church-----	\$ 15,926.25

Jean McLaren, Treasurer.

The Presbytery meeting has been set for January 25, 1949. Mr. Mitchell is the temporary appointee, and is expected to enlist another if he cannot attend.

125th Anniversary- Mr. Berryhill reported that Mr. Colin Macdonald's Committee met on December 30 and outlined plans.

Mr. Berryhill announced that the Session will meet after the Service February 6 to receive new members who are ready to join the church at that time.

Mr. Berryhill directed that the call for the Annual Congregational Meeting January 17, shall be read from the pulpit and shall appear in the bulletin on the two coming Sundays, January 9 and 16, 1948. New officers shall take place on January 30.

Mr. Look reported on plans to make the annual meeting successful in the matter of attendance.

The Moderator would like to have the 1950 Annual Meeting held on January 30, 1950. The date for holding future annual meetings shall be the last Monday in January.

The New Life Movement received considerable attention. It is expected that we shall have a visitation soon working toward reception of members on February 6.

The Moderator also stressed the "Parish Group Idea" and reported on the "shut-ins" and the attention which they have received and should receive.

Mr. Morrill reported progress on the part of the Nominating Committee in the matter of church officers.

It is reported that Rob Roy McLeod will head up a "Council of Presbyterian Men" in the Buffalo Niagara Presbytery.

The name of Keith Demmon will be presented to the Presbytery in connection with its Men's Work activity, as the representative of the church. This is dependent on his willingness to serve.

The Trustees took no action on the Session's request in connection with "undesigned Subscriptions" because of its complexity and wish interpretation.

The Operating Fund closed the past year 1948, with an unexpected balance of \$ 2824.64

Extension of the Benevolence idea appears to need attention and will probably be accomplished by means of education. The Rev. David Thomas' activities were discussed.

The Pastor's Fund states:- Outgo- \$ 60.50; Income \$ 35.00 ; Balance on hand \$ 244.53

The Music Committee reported generally through R. C. Snowdon.

The Installing of Sunday School officers will take place on Sunday, January 9.

The young people and Duffield were discussed.

Ushering, work for the ushers, and an attached Men's organization were discussed.

In closing the meeting at 10:00 P.M., prayer was offered by Messrs. J.G. Marshall and Russell M. Look.

R. C. Snowdon
R. C. Snowdon, Clerk.

January 17, 1949.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGFIRST PRESBYTERIAN SOCIETY OF
NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

The Congregational meeting for 1949 was held at the First Presbyterian Church on January 17, 1949, at 7:30 o'clock, P.M.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and a hymn was sung.

At the request of the minister, the Call for the meeting was read by the Clerk in the same form in which it appeared in the Church program and as has been read from the pulpit.

ANNUAL MEETING-The Annual Meeting of the church and congregation of the First Presbyterian Society of Niagara will be held on Monday evening, January 17, 1949, at 7:30 o'clock in the Chapel. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect four Elders for a term of three years to succeed Messrs. Keith Demmon, C.J. Elderfield, E. A. Montgomery and R. C. Snowdon, whose terms have expired and one Trustee for a term of one year to succeed J.E. Donald Hastie, resigned; and four Trustees for a term of three years to succeed Messrs. George M. Bramann, A. J. Flagg, R. J. Moore and Mrs. L. R. Witt, whose terms have expired; also to transact any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

R. C. Snowdon, Clerk of Session
George M. Bramann, President, Board of Trustees.

It was moved and seconded by Messrs. John Guinther and Russell Look that Mr. Walter E. Mack be nominated for Chairman of the meeting. It was duly moved that nominations be closed. Seconded and carried. The Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Mr. Mack and he was declared Chairman.

The Chairman asked Mr. H. E. Morrill, chairman of the 1949 Nominating Committee covering officers to be elected for 1949, for the report of his Committee. The committee is composed of Messrs. H. E. Morrill, Chairman and E. A. Montgomery for the Session Mr. Wm. Kremers and Mrs. Thomas Crosse for the Trustees and Mr. H. T. Reid for the congregation.

The following nominations were presented-

SESSIONRETIRING MEMBERS

Keith Demmon
C. J. Elderfield
E. A. Montgomery
R. C. Snowdon

NOMINEES

J. R. Dawson
Stuart Fleming
J. H. Mifflin
R. H. Wagner

TRUSTEESRETIRING MEMBERS

J. E. Donald Hastie (resigned)
unexpired term- one year.

NOMINEES

L. E. Skinner

REGULAR TERM OF THREE YEARS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

REGULAR TERM OF THREE YEARS- TRUSTEES

RETIRING MEMBERS

George M. Bramann
A. J. Flagg
R. J. Moore
Mrs. L. R. Witt

NOMINEES

Walter Baeckler
Adin Chase
John Mollison
Hugh T. Reid

The Chairman called for nominations from the floor. There were none.

The Polls were ordered kept open for an hour according to legal provision.

Mr. Berryhill spoke about the purpose and usefulness of the Booklet entitled, "Review and Outlook" for 1948 and known as Volume II. He gave credit to several who participated in its preparation- Mr. Easter, Isabel Dunlop, Virginia Noll and Inez C. McKellips.

Mr. Mack called attention to the Treasurer's report which is recorded on page 3, Review and Outlook. It appears in connection with the Restoration Fund that our church had been assigned a quota of \$14000.00, that we had subscribed \$ 14,445.00 and that the end of the period saw paid \$ 15,926.25.

Miss Jean McLaren, Church Treasurer, reviewed the significant figures appearing in the Annual Financial Reports.

Mr. Bramann stated in answer to a question, that the Committee in charge of Trust Funds had expired some time ago and no persons have been appointed to this Committee for many years. This matter was considered important by the Trustees who on December 9, 1948, at a regular meeting permanently set up a standing Committee on Bequests which shall consist of the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees with the members to consist of the members of said Finance Committee and the President of the Board of Trustees.

It was moved and seconded by Messrs. Marshall and Morrill that the Printed Annual Reports as shown in the Booklet itself be accepted as presented. Carried.

Mr. Morrill was asked to review the arrangements which had been made to secure necessary funds to take care of the improvements voted at the Congregational meeting of October 18, 1948. Mr. Kremers reported that the committee has not yet spent any money and went on briefly to review the projects presented on October 18, 1948.

In order to definitely present the improvement program, it has been deemed most practicable to borrow the money needed in excess of what is at present held in various applicable funds (excess \$ 15,000.00), from the Power City Trust Company on the basis of a Resolution and letter prepared by said Company and presented at the meeting for approval.

January 17, 1949.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING- (continued)

January 17, 1949

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN SOCIETY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

At a meeting of the Congregation of The First Presbyterian Society of Niagara Falls, New York, a religious corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Society"), duly convened and held on January 17, 1949, a quorum being present and participating throughout, it was, on motion duly made, seconded and carried:

"RESOLVED, that The First Presbyterian Society of Niagara Falls, New York borrow from Power City Trust Company the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) to be repaid within three (3) years with interest at the rate of four and one-half per cent (4½%) per annum, and as evidence of such loan any two officers of the Society be and they hereby are authorized to execute and deliver the promissory note of the Society containing such terms and provisions not inconsistent with this resolution as said Power City Trust Company shall require."

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Congregation aforesaid, that said resolution has not been in any wise rescinded or annulled, but is still in full force and effect and that said resolution is not contrary to or in conflict with the provisions of the certificate of incorporation of the Society and is in accordance with the provisions of the by-laws of said

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
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Society.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Society this day
of January, 1949.

It was moved and seconded by Mr. Morrill that this letter and arrangement be approved by the meeting. Carried. A copy of this document hereby becomes a part of these minutes.

Mr. Colin Macdonald spoke briefly about the tentative plans covering the 125th Anniversary of this Church, which will start April 3, 1949.

The chairman declared that one hour has passed since the Nominating Committee made its report.

It was duly moved, seconded and carried that nominations be closed.

It was moved and seconded by Messrs. W. H. Mitchell and E. W. Jewett that the Elders be elected to the Session as nominated. Carried.

It was moved and seconded by J. H. Mifflin and Norman Duffett that the Trustees be elected as nominated. Carried. It was duly moved, seconded and carried that the Clerk be ordered to cast one ballot for the above mentioned nominees. Ceremonies having to do with the installation of Elders and the recognition of Trustees will be held on Sunday, January 30, 1949.

January 17, 1949

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
(continued)

Upon appropriate action, the Nominating Committee for 1949 was elected. The Committee shall be composed of

Session- Dr. A. M. Rooker, J. R. Dawson

Trustees- Mrs. E. A. Pritchard, Walter Baeckler

Congregation- Mrs. Robert Nicol

The minutes of this meeting were read to the group. After minor changes were made, it was duly moved, seconded and carried that the minutes be approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P. M. upon appropriate action and with a prayer by Mr. Berryhill.

It should be noted that Mr. Bramann offered a detailed estimate covering the proposed Resolution on Improvement Program heretofore mentioned in these minutes, with the request that the estimate be incorporated in these minutes. (See next page for details)

We must also note that refreshments were served after the meeting by a committee from the Women's Church and Missionary Society, Mrs. Richard Shupert, Chairman, which was an essential part of the social period enjoyed by everyone present.

Attendance at the meeting- 64.

Ralph C. Snowdon
Ralph C. Snowdon, Clerk.

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Feb. 6, 1949.

SESSION MEETING

A special meeting of the Session was called Sunday morning, February 6, 1949, following the church service, for the purpose of receiving new members.

Present- Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Elders- J. Stuart Fleming, Russell M. Look, W. H. Mitchell, J. R. Dawson, C. E. Jackson, J. H. Mifflin and H. E. Morrill.

ABSENT- Elders R. H. Wagner, T. L. Bishop, A. M. Rooker, J. G. Marshall and Donald Clayton.

The following people met with the Session and were received into membership-

LETTER

Mr. Floyd Williams- Letter from Central Presbyterian Church, Buffalo.
Mrs. Floyd Williams- Letter from Central Presbyterian Church, Buffalo.
(Residence- 618 Elmwood Ave.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Mary Jean Bennett 1017 South Ave.
Mary Perez - 523 27th

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH-

Mr. William Smith- 2316- 16th St.
Mrs. William Smith- 2316- 16th St.

Mr. William L. Smith, Sr. 2219 LaSalle Ave.
Mrs. William L. Smith, Sr. 2219 LaSalle Ave.
(Jessie)

Summary-	Letter	2
	Reaffirmation	4
	Profession	2
	Total	<u>8</u>

The meeting was closed with the benediction.

J. H. Mifflin
J. H. Mifflin, Temporary Clerk.

February 7, 1949

SESSION MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was held on Monday evening, February 7, at 7:30 o'clock.

Present- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill; also Rev. Wallace E. Easter and Elders Donald Clayton, Russell Look, W. H. Mitchell, H. E. Morrill, C. E. Jackson, J. Stuart Fleming, John Mifflin, R. H. Wagner and J. R. Dawson.

Absent- Elders A. M. Rooker, J. G. Marshall and T. L. Bishop.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

Rev. C. C. Berryhill reported his nominations for standing committees of the Session, which were duly approved-

COMMITTEES

Pulpit- A. M. Rooker, Chairman; Stuart Fleming and J. R. Dawson.
Finance- J. G. Marshall, Chairman; H. E. Morrill and J. R. Dawson.
Music- Stuart Fleming, Chairman; H. E. Morrill and R. H. Wagner.
S. S. and Young People- Russell Look, Chairman; C. E. Jackson and J. R. Dawson.

ADULT PROGRAM- J. H. Mifflin, Chairman; Donald Clayton and A.M.Rooker
Ushering- J. H. Mifflin

Council of Religious Education- Russell M. Look

Pastor's Fund- W. H. Mitchell, Chmn; Stuart Fleming

Special and Week Day Services- Russell Look, Chairman; W. H. Mitchell and C. E. Jackson.

Evangelism and Membership- C. E. Jackson, Chairman; H. E. Morrill, R. H. Wagner, J. G. Marshall.

J. H. Mifflin was appointed Clerk for the ensuing year.

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 3, 1949, were read and approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Music- No new Contralto as yet.

Sunday School and Youth- The teachers and officers requested that the idea presented at the last meeting for retaining their officers for only a period of two years be tabled, subject to review in September.

CAMP DUFFIELD- The original request was that the young people be permitted to canvass the church membership for the sum of \$ 1000.00 towards equipping Duffield Camp. The Church Treasurer will be designated to handle the funds as a separate item, with Mr. Jackson as the Session representative and Alan Darby as the youth representative.

Ushering- Chairman in charge of ventilation should see that the head usher controls the temperature, etc.

February 7, 1949.

SESSION MINUTES, continued

FINANCIAL REPORT-

Receipts-

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1949 -----	\$ 121.97
Envelopes -----	1550.02
	<u>\$ 1671.99</u>

Disbursements-

To Boards of Church -----	\$ 1500.00
Cash on hand January 31, 1949 -----	171.99
	<u>\$ 1671.99</u>

SUMMARY-

Expected benevolences for 1949 -----	\$ 10,360.00
Amount to be collected -----	8,809.98

COMPARISON- In January 1949-----14.9%
 In January 1948 -----10.7%

Communion- Mr. Mitchell requested permission to purchase eight dozen new communion glasses. Request approved.

March 2 is Ash Wednesday and this Church will prepare communion. Mr. Mitchell had been asked about using thirteen Elders. The additional equipment would cost approximately \$ 125.00. Two plans were presented. It was regularly moved, seconded, that the plan for using additional elders (plan presented) be approved. Passed.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the old communion service be put in condition for regular use. Approved.

SPECIAL AND WEEK DAY SERVICE

The services of the committee were commended and it was voted that a letter of appreciation be sent to the women of the Missionary Society for their help in providing refreshments for the annual meeting.

COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM AND MEMBERSHIP Two visitation are to be held during February and March and an instruction night for new members sometime in March.

FOLLOW UP OF NEW MEMBERS- Report by Rev. Wallace E. Easter- calls have been assigned to present & inactive elders with a request that they find out what activities in church members are interested in and also learn how the church could serve them more completely. It was suggested that a copy "New Life in Your Home" or of "Presbyterian Life" be left with the person visited.

COMMITTEE ON ADULT PROGRAM- Keith Demmon has been sent to Chicago to meet with the Council of Presbyterian Men (1000). Rev. Berryhill suggested that Sunday, February 27 be designated as Men's Sunday, and that he report on the Chicago meeting at that time. He suggests that the committee be authorized to allow him to commit the Session to a program which the committee feels would be of value to the church as a whole. Approved.

February 7, 1949.

SESSION MINUTES -continued

125th ANNIVERSARY REPORT - The following program has been outlined for the 125th anniversary, beginning April 3, 1949.

April 3- 11:00 A.M. service- Dr. Robert Whyte, Old Stone Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

5:00-7:00 P.M. Program and Tea- Greetings from near relative churches- Lewiston, Pierce Avenue and Bacon Memorial. Recognition of older members and others. Tea

April 5 Ten minutes at Laymen's Association

April 6 Women of Church- Anniversary Program

April 14- Anniversary Communion

April 20- Anniversary Pageant

April 27- Program and Social-

Greetings from Dr. Janeway

Greetings from Past Assistant Ministers.

History prepared by Marjorie Williams.

Social Hour.

It was recommended that the Session approve the use of a "sacrificial meal" as approved by the denomination and also approve the "One Great Hour Program" of Protestantism as it is to be presented on Saturday evening, March 26, on all major radio net works. Both programs were duly approved.

It was suggested that the list of shut-ins be circulated among the leaders of the groups of the missionary society.

Couples' Club requested that Session provide for a family night and that the married couples provide the entertainment. Approved. The meeting was closed with prayer by Elders C. E. Jackson and R. H. Wagner.

J. H. Mifflin
J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

March 7, 1949.

SESSION MINUTES

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church met Monday, March 7, at 7:30 P. M.

Present- Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill; also Rev. Wallace E. Easter and Elders: Donald Clayton, Russell Look, J. G. Marshall, W. H. Mitchell, A. M. Rooker, H. E. Morrill, C. E. Jackson, J. R. Dawson J. H. Mifflin and R. H. Wagner.

Absent- J. Stuart Fleming.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, corrected and approved.

Financial reports for February were read and approved. Reports are as follows-

BENEVOLENT FUND- for February

Cash on hand February 1, 1949 ----- \$ 171.99

Envelopes ----- 520.72

\$ 692.71

DISBURSEMENTS-

Budget "B" Tax- Presbytery (1st Quarter) ---- 129.00

To the Boards of the Church ----- 500.00

629.00

Cash on hand February 28, 1949 ---- 63.71

\$ 692.71

SUMMARY-

Expected Benevolences for 1949 -----10,360.00

Amount received to date ----- 2,070.74

Amount to be collected ----- 8,289.26

COMPARISON-

In February 1949 received \$ 8.87 less than in
February 1948

First two months- 1949- -----19.9 % received

First two months- 1948 -----17 % received

Jean McLaren, Treasurer.

No money received for Restoration Fund since December 1948.

Keith Demmon has been appointed leader of the group to raise funds for Church improvement by the Finance Committee of the Session and Trustees.

Rev. Wallace E. Easter reported that slightly over half the hoped for campaign quota of \$ 1000.00 had been pledged on the Camp Duffield project. He suggested that they be permitted to complete the canvass later.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the officers of the Sunday School should be in the Session records. Passed. It was suggested that these officers be listed under the January church minutes of this year.

A brief report on the activities of the adult leadership group was made by the pastor and the members of the committee.

The Communion Committee chairman reported that he is now ready to install the augmented Session group of 13, functioning as soon as the new plates are received. He may be able to use them for April 14th. It was regularly moved and seconded that the bill for \$27.00 for new linen for the Communion table be approved. Passed. It was moved and seconded that the Communion Committee be authorized to purchase new aluminium Communion trays if the committee approved. Passed.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the sum of \$20.00 be given to the Niagara Falls Council of Religious Education for the church school program. Passed.

Mr. Jackson reported that they were not doing too well in our lay solicitation of new members.

Many suggestions were made as to the improving of our methods of reception of new members. No direct results were approved, but plans are to be presented later.

Shut Ins- It was suggested that we follow up the calls, as well as those on the list of new members which each of us has.

125- Anniversary- Plans are well under way under the direction of Mr. Colin Macdonald, and the booklet is about to be put in the hands of the printer.

Family Night, tentative date is set for May 6th. Approved. The Moderator will be responsible for securing some group to take charge of providing food, probably a tureen meal.

General Assembly meeting will be held in Buffalo May 19th, and we have been asked to help support the entertainment program through a subscription to the fund. This letter was referred to the Finance Committee with power to act for the Session.

Mr. Mack will be requested to represent us at the Presbytery meeting held to install the new pastor of Riverside Church in the LaSalle Section Thursday evening of this week.

Subject to the final approval of the Music Committee, it was regularly moved and seconded and approved that a cross, to be donated by some member of the Church, be procured for the Communion Table. Passed.

The Meeting was closed with prayer by Mr. Marshall and Rev. Wallace E. Easter.

J. H. Miffelin
J. H. Miffelin, Clerk.

March 13, 1949.

SESSION MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING -SUNDAY- March 13, 1949.

A special meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was called following the service on Sunday morning, March 13, 1949.

Present- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Elders J. G. Marshall Wm. H. Mitchell, Russell Look, Howard Morrill, Joseph Dawson, R. H. Wagner, Stuart Fleming, C. E. Jackson, J. H. Mifflin.

Absent- Donald Clayton.

The following persons presented themselves desiring membership -

Mr. Robert Mitchell from 1st Presbyterian Church, Dubois, Pa.
Miss Gertrude Sheldon- from 1st Presbyterian, Schaghticoke, Pa.
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Borger, letters from First Methodist Church Curwensville, Pa.
Mr. Howard Thompson by letter from Market Square Pres. Church, Harrisburg, Pa.
Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Hill- Reaffirmation of Faith.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the above be received. Carried.

REAFFIRMATION OF CONFESSION OF FAITH-

Walter Coram- (C)
Mr. and Mrs. John Griffiths 1511 Pine Ave.
Miss Doris Griffiths (C)
Mrs. Betty Mitchell (C)
Mrs. Robert Green (C) *(please check) letter*
Miss Sarah Sahid (C)
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hudson (C)
Mrs. Hannah Palmquist (R)
Mr. Edward P. Leopard (C)
Mrs. Rita Bartlett (C)

It was regularly moved and seconded and passed that all above be received. Carried.

Letter- 10 Affirmation 12

Also- By Letter-

Mr. Robert Green- from 6th Baptist Church, North Troy, N.Y.
Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Brumburgh- from North Park United Pres. Buffalo, N.Y.

Upon motion the above were duly received.

Prayer by Mr. R. H. Wagner

Membership, service enrollment and pledge cards were distributed by the clerk to all new members, followed by reception formally of all new members by the Session.

Mr. Fleming recommended that Mrs. Marzo be secured as a member of our quartette at a salary of \$ 5.00 per week, to take effect after Easter. Passed.

The meeting closed with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill

See addition on next page.

J. H. Mifflin Clerk.

March 13, 1949.

Addition to Session Minutes

It was moved, seconded and passed that the music committee be authorized to procure a kneeling bench to be used for Baptism and similar services, the selection to be left to their approval. Carried.

April 4, 1949.

SESSION MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was held on Monday evening, April 4, at 7:30 o'clock.

PRESENT- Moderator Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Wallace E. Easter, Assistant Pastor. Elders Donald Clayton, J.G. Marshall, W. H. Mitchell, H. E. Morrill, C. E. Jackson, J. R. Dawson, J. Stuart Fleming, J. H. Mifflin, Russell Look.

ABSENT- Elders A. M. Rooker and R. H. Wagner.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill. The following persons presented themselves desiring membership Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Thomas from Lake Ave. Presbyterian Church Elmira, N.Y.

- ✓ Mrs. W. C. Kirk- Confession of Faith
- ✓ Mrs. and Mrs. Alfred Galley from Colonial Village United Pres. Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
- ✓ Miss Sybil Cowan from Pierce Avenue Presbyterian Church, City.
- ✓ Mr. George S. Petts from St. James Methodist Church, City.
- ✓ Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Birmingham- Confession of Faith
- ✓ Mrs. Charles H. Phelps- Confession of Faith
- ✓ Mrs. Ida B. Henke- Letter from First Baptist Church, Hamilton, N.Y.
- ✓ Mr. and Mrs. Albert Butcher- Confession of Faith
- ✓ Mr. and Mrs. John Vockrodt- Confession of Faith

The bill for plating communion silver was approved for payment; other held.

Mr. Fleming reported at some length on the display of the interesting exhibits for the anniversary. The Session authorized the subscription of \$ 100.00 toward the defraying of expenses incurred in the entertainment of the General Assembly when it meets in May, 1949 in Buffalo.

Rev. C. C. Berryhill reported on Pastor's Fund- Income since January 3-----\$ 22.00 Outgo-----\$ 12.50; balance \$ 254.03.

Rev. W. E. Easter reported \$ 818.00 already collected on the Camp Duffield Project.

A Preliminary report on the Improvement Fund was made showing progress being made.

April 4, 1949.

SESSION MINUTES CONTINUED

Mr. Look reported on the Sunday School Leaders meeting recently held.

We were informed that some people went away yesterday because ushers had not informed them that seats and loud speaker were available in church chapel-seats were not all completely filled.

Upon recommendation of Mr. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Geary Noll are to be received into membership in our Church. Passed.

It was regularly moved, seconded that the Session pay \$ 15.00 to the Niagara Falls Gazette through Rev. Blake Hammond for our share in the ad for the "One Great Hour." -Passed.

Mr. Marshall was asked to represent the Session at the Presbytery meeting April 26th.

It was regularly moved and seconded and passed that the American Legion be invited to worship with us on May 29th.

Thirteen Elders will be used for Communion on April 14th; all will serve both bread and wine, but only seven will take up collection.

It was suggested and approved that the Pastor contact the other churches- Pierce Avenue, Bacon and Riverside or Lewiston as to whether they would like a Communion cup similar to one we now use.

It was regularly moved, seconded and passed that Mr. Mitchell be authorized to procure proper coverings for parts of Communion Service not now properly protected.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the special Easter offering (in special envelopes) be used for Benevolences, the loose offering to be used for General Church Maintenance. Passed.

It was regularly moved and seconded that a letter of condolence be sent to Mr. Kenneth Brown in the loss of his mother. Passed.

J. H. Mifflin
J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

April 10, 1949.

A special meeting of the Session was called on Sunday morning, April 10, to receive the Communicants' class into membership. The following young people were received.

Prayer by

Patricia Buell- Lewiston Hts.
 Janet Sue Campbell- 129 5th St.
 Clinton Wm. Daggett- 2925 Lewiston Rd.
 Kathryn Demmon- 828 James Ave.
 John Franklyn Dial- 6 D. Center Court
 William Dick- 1601 Niagara Ave.
 Rodger John Faill- 726 Van Rensselaer Ave.
 Myra Joan Ford- 527 Hyde Park Blvd.
 George Froats- 3742 McKoon Ave.
 Donald Edward Furman- 12 B St.
 Dorothy Ann Gilbert- 221 Main St.
 Lillian Marie Gilbert- 221 Main St.
 Shirley May Krell- 71 A St.
 Lester B. Hooper- 358 Second St.
 Nancy Elaine Jaquish- 2233 Cleveland Ave.
 William Mayne- 657 Ashland Ave.
 David Elder Montgomery- 915 Harrison Ave.
 Gail Sheila Summerfield- 4002 Carroll St.
 Denice Van Liew- 731 Seymour Ave.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

J. H. Mifflin
 J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

April 13, 1949.

The Session met immediately following the Preparatory Service April 13, 1949. The following persons were received into membership.

Mrs. Doris M. Boos- Confession & baptism
 Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Chettleburgh- Letter 1st Presbyterian Church
 Phoenix, Ariz.
 Mrs. Roger W. Crowell- Letter 1st Congregational-Great Barrington, Mass
 Mr. Roger W. Crowell - Affirmation of Faith
 Mrs. Bertha Harris- " "
 Robert B. Hall " "
 Thomas Norton- " "
 Dan Patchin " "
 John Wendall Roberts- " and Baptism
 Mrs. John E. Runals- Methodist Church-Grundy, Va.
 Mr. John E. Runals
 Frederick A. Sanderson--
 Walter Hamilton- Affirmation of Faith
 Closed with prayer

J. H. Mifflin Clerk.

April 1, 1949.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MARCH-1949

RECEIPTS-

Cash on hand March 1, 1949 -----		\$ 63.71
Envelopes-----	\$ 602.70	
Gift- -Women's Missionary Society -----	75.00	
U. S. Savings Bond (Young Legacy) -----	18.75	696.45
		<u>760.16</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

To the Boards of the Church-----		600.00
Cash on hand March 31, 1949 -----		160.16
		<u>760.16</u>

SUMMARY-

Expected Benevolences for 1949 -----		10,260.00
Amount received to date -----		2,767.19
		<u>7,592.81</u>

COMPARISONS-

In March 1949 received \$ 265.83 less than in March 1948.

First Quarter- 1949 -----	26.7 %	received
First Quarter- 1948 -----	28. %	"

"ONE GREAT HOUR"

Receipts for March 23, 1949 -----	\$ 151.65
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Jean McLaren, Treasurer.

Summary of members received at Communion service April 14, 1949

Letter- 19
 Confession or Reaffirmation- 58
 Total 77

Dismissals- 20 (see next page)

DISMISSALS SINCE JANUARY 1, 1949.

<u>1949</u>				
Jan. 25	Mrs. James Connor	dismissed to		The Old Stone Church Cleveland Ohio
Feb. 14	Wm. Kelman	"	"	Pierce Avenue Church Niagara Falls, N.Y.
Feb. 23	Adser Schwennesen	"	"	Shiloh Congregational Dayton, Ohio
March 8	Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Magee	"	"	1st Presbyterian Lockport, N.Y.
March 22	Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Ulrich	"	"	Lewiston Presbyterian Lewiston, N.Y.
March 28	Miss Joan McEwen	"	"	1st Presbyterian Santa Fe, New Mexico
April 4	Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Waters	"	"	Youngstown Presbyterian Youngstown, N.Y.
April 5	Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Burnett	"	"	Riverside Methodist Elmira, N.Y.
April 5	Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Bollinger	"	"	1st Presbyterian Marietta, Ohio
April 5	Mrs. Helen Van Buren	"	"	Walden Presbyterian Buffalo, N.Y.
April 12	Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Macdonald	"	"	University Presbyterian Buffalo, N.Y.
April 14	William J. Butler	"	"	Grace Methodist Church Wilmington, Delaware
April 14	Mrs. James Coutts, Sr.	"	"	Hyde Park United Church Niagara Falls, N.Y.
April 14	Alfred Coutts	"	"	Hyde Park United Church Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Jan 1, 1949- April 30, 1949 -----Total dismissals-----20

May 2, 1949.

SESSION MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was held on Monday evening, May 2, at 7:30 o'clock.

PRESENT- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill; Elders Donald Clayton, Russell Look, J. G. Marshall, W. H. Mitchell, Dr. A.M. Rooker, H. E. Morrill, J. R. Dawson, John Mifflin and Rev. Wallace E. Easter.

ABSENT- Elders C. E. Jackson, J. Stuart Fleming and R. H. Wagner.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. H. E. Morrill.

The minutes of previous meetings were read and approved, except for checking Church from which Mrs. Henke came (This has been checked)

The Treasurer's report was read and approved. It follows-

RECEIPTS- Cash on hand April 1 -----	160.16
Envelopes -----	843.76
Communion Plate -----	107.57
Easter Envelopes -----	136.64
	<u>1087.97</u>
	1248.13

DISBURSEMENTS-

Gazette- ad "One Great Hour" 15.00	
Gen. Assembly- expenses- 100.00	
Budget B -2nd Qr. Presby. 129.00	
Boards of Church -----	900.00
	<u>1144.00</u>
Cash on hand April 30, 1949 -----	104.13
	<u>1248.13</u>

SUMMARY- Expected Benevolences for

1949 -----	10360.00
Received to date -----	3855.16
Amount to be collected -----	<u>6504.84</u>

COMPARISON-

In April 1949 received \$ 521.67 more than in April, 1948.
 First four months- 1949 -----37%
 First four months- 1948 -----35%

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING-

Sent to Board of Foreign Missions-	
"One Great Hour" receipts for March 23- 1949 ----	151.65
"Sacrificial Meal" " " April 1949 -----	402.94
Total -----	<u>554.59</u>

The Pulpit Committee- Rev. C.C. Berryhill reported that we shall have to benefit of listening to Dr. Thomas Franklyn Hudson, Pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Portland, Oregon on May 22nd. Dr. Hudson will be a representative of General Assembly. Rev. Berryhill was granted permission to be absent next Sunday, May 8, to attend a meeting of the Westminster Foundation at State College, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Morrill reported that the Chairman of the Music Committee had given a delightful party for the choir and some additional guests, including our pastors.

May 2, 1949.

MINUTES CONTINUED.

Mr. Easter reported on Youth Activities and feels that the goal for Camp Duffield will be easily attained. Mr. Look reported that the Geneva Club was attempting to reinterest former members of the 21-40 Club, on a reunion of that organization.

Ushers have asked that some more clearly evident marks be located on pews where acousticons are located. Further discussion brought out several ideas for improving the service. It was suggested that hearing aids be placed if a survey shows that more can be used.

It was regularly moved and seconded that Mrs. Abel, Mrs. Pollock and Mrs. McKellips be given tickets to a dinner for Religious Council of Education tomorrow evening. Carried.

It was regularly moved, seconded and passed that a vote of thanks be sent to Colin Macdonald and his committee for the splendid conduct of all the varied activities in connection with the 125th anniversary program.

It was regularly moved, seconded and passed that a vote of appreciation be sent to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Dixon for the presentation of the Cross for the communion table.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the offer of Mr. Wilfrid Brown to mark the Cross and the Communion table be accepted with thanks. Carried.

Further discussion of the General Assembly in Buffalo resulted in several suggestions as to how to entertain the delegates. They have already been invited to have tea here while in Niagara Falls, but the Pastor will contact them further as to plans for the afternoon. Mr. Marshall will help him.

Family Night will be held on Friday night of this week, May 6, with Group Six acting to see that the program goes smoothly.

Various further plans for General Assembly publicity were discussed and it was decided that the officers should contact others on whether they want to attend the dinner on Saturday evening, to see that the 25 tickets available are distributed to cover as many as possible of church officers and organizations.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. W.E.Easter and Rev. C.C. Berryhill.

J. H. Mifflin
J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

- June 13, 1949.

SESSION MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was held Monday evening, June 13, at 7:30 o'clock.

Present- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill; also Rev. Wallace E. Easter and Elders Russell M. Look, J. G. Marshall, W. H. Mitchell, Dr. A. M. Rooker, J. R. Dawson, J. Stuart Fleming and J. H. Mifflin.

Absent- Elders H. E. Morrill, C. E. Jackson, R. H. Wagner and Donald Clayton.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

Reports of the Treasurer for May were received and filed. Comment favorable on receipts to date. The Benevolent report follows-

RECEIPTS-

Cash on hand May 1, 1949 -----	\$ 104.13
Envelopes -----	\$ 714.53
Easter Envelopes -----	5.00
Voluntary Trust Fund -----	12.50
	<u>732.03</u>
	\$ 836.16

DISBURSEMENTS-

To Boards of Church-----	\$ 700.00
Cash on hand May 31, 1949 -----	136.16
	<u>\$ 836.16</u>

SUMMARY-

Expected Benevolences for 1949 -----	10360.00
Amount received to date -----	4587.19
Amount to be collected-	<u>5772.81</u>

COMPARISON-

In May 1949 received -----	\$ 213.45 more than in May, 1948.
First five months- 1949- 44 %	
First five months- 1948- 41 %	

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING-

Received in May and forwarded to Board of Foreign Missions	\$ 8.00
Total Receipts-----	\$ 562.59

Jean McLaren, Treasurer.

The Presbytery will discuss help to the individual churches for next year's financial campaign.

The Pastor's Fund report showed an expenditure of \$ 6.00, leaving a balance of \$ 248.03

The Pastor suggested vacations as follows- Rev. Easter for the month of July; Rev. Berryhill the month of August and Mrs. McKellips a month during July or August. Approved.

SESSION MINUTES CONTINUED

Sunday School Committee- Russell M. Look reported briefly on Activities.

Rev. Easter reported that approximately twelve young people would attend camps or conferences at Camp Duffield.

Suggestions were made to help ventilation by use of a rheostat, etc.

Communion will be held June 26, with the Preparatory Service on June 22.

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the spare communion cloth be turned over to some women's group for disposal as they prefer.

It was suggested that Session meet on next Sunday and after Preparatory service on June 22nd.

It was suggested that the spare communion cups be distributed to Bacon Memorial, Pierce Avenue and Riverside, with Lewiston as alternate if any of the others cannot use them.

It was regularly moved, seconded and passed that Mr. Marshall represent this Church at Presbytery on June 14th.

Construction work will be done during July and August.

Rev. Berryhill suggested the Parish Group Plan with objectives as follows-

- To keep in touch with membership.
- To build church unity and morale.
- To serve as program boosters.
- Visit new members
- Report sicknesses and other items of interest.
- First duty- The annual fall visitation.

The plan met with general approval, but it was felt that a more specific plan should be made known to all the Elders and their opinions of it solicited.

A Planning Conference for all church officers, group leaders or their representatives to be held on Sunday afternoon and evening of September 11, to coordinate the work of the various organizations, was suggested. The suggested committee to handle plans for this meeting are to be Mr. R. H. Wagner, Chairman, Russell Look and Rev. W. E. Easter, under the guidance of the Pastor. It was regularly moved, seconded and passed that such a conference be called on the above named date.

It is understood that there will be no regular meeting of the Session during July and August, unless especially convened on call of the Pastor.

Mr. Neal Johnson has accepted the responsibility of furthering subscriptions for Presbyterian Life in our church.

June 13, 1949.

SESSION MINUTES CONTINUED

It was regularly moved and seconded that the deficit incurred at Family Night Dinner be defrayed by the church. Passed.

Suggestion was approved that a publicity Committee would be an asset in sending proper publicity for all church services and other events worthy of newspaper display.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mr. J. R. Dawson and Rev. W. E. Easter.

J. H. Mifflin
J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

JUNE DISMISSALS-

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Curtiss- to St. Paul's Methodist Church
June 3, 1949.

June 19, 1949.

A special meeting of the Session was called Sunday morning, following the regular church service to receive new members.

Present- Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill; also Rev. Wallace E. Easter.
Elders- R. H. Wagner, W. H. Mitchell, C. E. Jackson, Russell Look,
J. G. Marshall and J. R. Dawson.

Absent- Donald Clayton H. E. Morrill J.S.Fleming, J.H.Mifflin,
A.M.Rooker.

The meeting was opened with prayer

The following persons desiring membership were received.

By Letter- Mr. Charles E. Dodimead - 1831 Weston Ave.

Letter from First Christian Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Confession of Faith- Charles A. Kuhns, Jr.- 1111 Garfield Ave.

Prayer of blessing was given by Mr. R. H. Wagner.

The meeting was closed with prayer by the Pastor.

C. E. Jackson
C. E. Jackson, Clerk, pro tem.

June 22, 1949.

SESSION MINUTES

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church met immediately following the Preparatory Service on Wednesday evening, June 22, 1949.

Present- Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill; also Rev. Wallace E. Easter and Elders Russell Look, W. H. Mitchell, A. M. Rooker, C. E. Jackson, J. R. Dawson, J. H. Mifflin and R. H. Wagner.

Absent- Elders J. Stuart Fleming, J. G. Marshall, Donald Clayton and H. E. Morrill.

The meeting was opened with prayer at the church service, by Rev. Wallace E. Easter.

The following persons presented themselves desiring membership in First Presbyterian Church.

BY LETTER- Mrs. Shirley Cooper - from St. Paul's Street United of St. Catherines, Ontario
Mr. Roger Dodimead - from First Christian Church of Niagara Falls, N.Y.

CONFESSION OF FAITH-

Mr. George Brant
Mr. Gene Brant

BAPTISM-

Mr. William Hill
Mr. Robert A. Galliher

All of above were duly received as noted above.

Mr. J. R. Dawson offered a prayer for these newly committed lives.

At the written request of Miss Jean McKnight, her membership in our church was dropped with the approval of the Session.

The meeting was closed with the benediction by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

J. H. Mifflin
J. H. Mifflin, Clerk. /c

July 10, 1949.

SPECIAL MEETING OF SESSION

A special meeting of the Session was called by the Moderator for Sunday morning, July 10, immediately following the morning service.

Present- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Elders
J. G. Marshall, Russell M. Look, W. H. Mitchell,
R. H. Wagner, J. H. Mifflin, Donald Clayton,
J. R. Dawson and C. E. Jackson.

Absent- J. S. Fleming, A. M. Rooker, M.D., H. E. Morrill.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the new proposed plan for congregation wide visitation on a group system in geographical districts be approved, and known as the "Parish Group Plan," and that the final plan be approved later at the September meeting of Session. Passed.

The question of assuming responsibility for a displaced family was brought up for discussion only.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer

J. H. Mifflin
J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING

July 31, 1949.

A special meeting of the Session was called Sunday morning, July 31, 1949.

Present- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Elders R.M. Look, W. H. Mitchell, J. G. Marshall, Donald Clayton, Dr. A. M. Rooker and J. R. Dawson.

Absent- Elders R. H. Wagner, J. H. Mifflin, C. E. Jackson, H. E. Morrill and J. Stuart Fleming.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

A- Discussion concerning Displaced persons took place. Communications from Presbytery and from minister of the East-Aurora Presbyterian Church were presented. The specific question is- Will First Presbyterian Church here assume responsibility for one or more families of Displaced Persons from Europe?

The questions of responsibility, transportation from point of arrival, suitable place to live and livelihood were discussed.

The Committee is to be responsible for preparing forms and making application suggested by Mr. Berryhill. This was approved.

Suggestions for employment-

- (a) Male or female trained nurse at hospital. (Memorial Hospital can employ one trained nurse.)
- (b) Calendar of odd jobs at church office for employables in group.
- (c) Special Committee might work out details of housing and employment.
- (d) Pastor's Fund to help as stop gap aid.

Dr. Rooker suggested that we take responsibility of such a group of displaced persons and have a committee to handle details.

Mr. Berryhill suggested requesting a trained nurse plus one (at least 12 years) and an additional family group not to exceed four.

Dr. Rooker moved and Mr. Marshall seconded that the combined suggestions of Dr. Rooker and Mr. Berryhill be approved. Carried.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Donald Clayton
Donald Clayton, Clerk Pro Tem.

Add- to A- Displaced Persons- "Assume responsibilities of transportation from point of arrival, place to live, livelihood, etc."

Sept. 7, 1949.

SESSION MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was held Wednesday evening, September 7, at 7:30 P.M.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Berryhill

Present- Moderator Rev. C. C. Berryhill, Elders- Donald Clayton, Russell Look, J. G. Marshall, A. M. Rooker, H. E. Morrill, J.R.Dawson, R. H. Wagner and W. H. Mitchell

Absent- Elders J. H. Mifflin, J. S. Fleming and C. E. Jackson.

The minutes of the meetings of June 13, June 22 (with addition; see minutes) July 10, July 31

The Treasurers report for June, July and August, 1949 were read and approved after discussion. Report follows-

RECEIPTS-

Cash on hand June 1, 1949 -----	\$ 136.16
Envelopes -----	\$ 1727.68
Communion Plate -----	41.65
	<u>1769.33</u>
	1905.49

DISBURSEMENTS-

Gifts to-	
New York State Council of Churches -----	20.00
Auburn Theological Seminary -----	50.00
Westminster Foundation ----Penn State Col	<u>50.00</u>
	120.00

Presbytery Tax, 3rd quarter -----	
Budget A -----	168.00
Budget B -----	<u>129.00</u>
	297.00
To Boards of Church -----	<u>1400.00</u>
	1817.00
Cash on hand August 31, 1949 -----	88.49
	<u>1905.49</u>

SUMMARY-

Expected Benevolences for 1949 -----	10,360.00
Amount received to date -----	<u>6,456.52</u>
	4,003.48

First eight months- receipts 1949-----	61.3%
" " " " 1948 -----	61.5%

AUGUST REPORT

RECEIPTS-

Cash on hand August 1, 1949 -----	\$ 348.86
Envelopes -----	336.63
	<u>\$ 665.49</u>

DISBURSEMENTS-

Presbytery Tax- Third Quarter	
Budget A -----	168.00
Budget B -----	129.00
To Boards of Church -----	<u>300.00</u>
	597.00
Cash on hand August 31 -----	88.49

SUMMARY-

(See next page)

Minutes- September 7
1949, cont.

SUMMARY- Expected Benevolences for 1949 -----10,360.00
Amount received to date ----- 6,356.52
4,003.48

COMPARISON-

In August 1949 received \$ 179.00 less than in Aug. 1948.

1949
First eight months-/Receipts ----- 61.3%
" " " " 1948 ----- 61.5%

Pulpit Committee- No report.

Finance Committee- Proposals for 1950 should be brought by the Committee to the next session meeting.

Rev. Berryhill announced meeting of September at our church to study financial matters. The Finance Committee should be present and any others of Session who can and those requested by Finance Committee.

It is usual at September meeting of this type to appoint a Youth Budget Director. Mr. Morrill suggested that Mr. William Campbell be asked to serve again. Mr. Morrill, with Dr. Rooker's assent made a motion that Wm. Campbell appoint an assistant with approval of Session. Passed. Rev. Berryhill asked Mr. Marshall in absence of the Clerk of Session to talk to Mr. Campbell on this matter.

Mr. Berryhill mentioned possible call for a Congregational meeting for October 17. This was passed.

Rev. Berryhill reported on Pastor's Fund.
\$ 2.00 outgo and \$ 246.03 Balance on hand.

Discussion of Financial aspects of taking care of Displaced persons took place.

Items-

A- Use of Pastor's Fund only temporary to be replaced.

B- Mr. Marshall reported that its committee working on the Displaced Persons problem had met and had filled out necessary forms.

A letter acknowledging receipt of the forms was read. This letter was received from Dr. Charles T. Leber for Dr. James Nicol.

Dr. Rooker suggested we write the Board to find out if some advance notice of arrival of Displaced persons could be received.

Session's decision that there should be an item in the Benevolent Budget to take care of the item of Displaced Persons. In addition, there shall be a special effort at the church service for this fund just prior to their arrival.

A Motion was made by Dr. Rooker that this be done. Seconded by Mr. Wagner. Carried.

The present committee on Displaced Persons is discharged

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after successfully completing its job, on motion of
Mr. Morrill seconded by Mr. Dawson. Passed.

A new committee is to be appointed representing representing all
age groups that might be needed.

Miss Trott was reported as being ill. She is not receiving
visitors as yet except a few individuals. She will not be back
to help in the church service during the month of September.
Mr. Proctor Martin will play the organ next Sunday. Beyond
that date the Music Committee has the problem of filling the
need.

Mr. Look reporting for the Sunday School stated that he hoped
it would not be necessary to postpone starting of Sunday School
any more than Sunday after next.

The matter of recognizing the church school staff was brought
up by Rev. Berryhill.

Under the adult program, the Directors of the Laymen's Association
are working on the problem of making the association a more integral
part of the church.

Mr. Look brought up the matter of improving or replacing the bowl
in the baptismal font.

Mr. Mitchell reported on the cups for Pierce Avenue, Riverside
and Bacon Memorial Churches, and that someone should be appointed
to make the presentation.

The matter for the need of a baptismal font is being left in the
hands of Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Berryhill.

Announcement of World Wide Communion on October 2 and Preparatory
Service on September 30, was made.

Dr. Rooker was requested to present one of the cups to Pierce
Avenue church, John Mifflin to Bacon Memorial, and Mr. Morrill
to Riverside, at evening service.

Dr. Rooker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morrill that Mr. Mitchell
be commended for his good work in obtaining these cups.

PARISH GROUP PLAN- Rev. Berryhill hopes that we may enlist help of
people in the Church's program. Leaders will be asked to stay for
a meeting on September 18, 1949, to complete plans for visitation.

Next Sunday Planning Conference begins with supper at 6:00 P.M.
Program has been set up and it is hoped that all Elders will be
there.

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September 7, 1949.

Session Plan for year might include the following-

- 1- New Life Movement continued.
- 2- After first of the year to concentrate on those who are inactive.
- 3- Full support of Men's organization.
- 4- Follow through on Displaced Persons responsibility.
- 5- Emphasis on Presbyterian Life Magazine.
- 6- Annual Congregational party.

The Session approved the above program by vote.

For further consideration-

- 1- A series of Vesper Services, possibly at 4:30 P.M.
- 2- A- Emphasize Community organizations who do a Christian Service.
B- Opportunity to use a young people's musical group; also older group.
C- More Group Singing.

2- Having Church Nights at intervals.

Suggested representative of Session for September 27 meeting, Mr. W. H. Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell was officially made such representative.

Mr. Dawson moved, seconded by Dr. Rooker that the bills presented by Mr. Mitchell be paid-

Wrights Plating Works-----	\$ 9.90
Wilfrid Brown -----	24.64
Beir Brothers -----	1.50

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mr. Marshall.

Donald Clayton
Donald Clayton, Jr.
Clerk, Pro Tem.

APPROVED

The Presbytery of Lario-Niagara

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Moderator

Date

September 25, 1949.

SPECIAL MEETING

The Session met after the church service September 25, 1949, at the call of the Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill.

Present- Moderator, C. C. Berryhill and Elders R. W. Wagner, C.E. Jackson, Donald Clayton, J. G. Marshall, Dr. A. M. Rooker, W. H. Mitchell.

Absent- Elders Russell Look, H. E. Morrill, J. R. Dawson, J. S. Fleming and J. H. Mifflin.

Mr. Berryhill explained that he had been asked to preach the sermon at the installation service for Rev. Bruce Tucker at the Pierce Avenue Presbyterian Church Friday evening, September 30. This is the same evening as our Preparatory Service. The Pastor recommends that Mr. Easter be asked to serve as Moderator of that Session, and also instruct Mr. Berryhill that he may ask Mr. Easter to serve as Moderator whenever he finds it necessary to be absent.

Dr. Rooker moved that these recommendations be adopted. The motion was seconded and passed.

The meeting closed with a benediction by the Pastor.

Donald Clayton
Donald Clayton, Clerk ProTem.
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DISMISSALS-

June 3, 1949- Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Curtiss to St. Paul's Methodist Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
Sept. 8, 1949- Mrs. Caroline Field Lambert- to North Avenue Presbyterian Church, New Rochelle, N.Y.
September 8-1949- Mrs. W. D. Smylie (Gladys) - First Presbyterian Church- Onagh, Ontario.

APPROVED

The Presbytery of Buffalo-Niagara

Charles C. Berryhill
Moderator

Date 9/27/49

September 30, 1949.

SESSION MINUTES

The Session met on Friday evening, September 30, immediately following the Preparatory Service.

Present- Wallace E. Easter, acting Moderator; Elders Eussell Look, W. H. Mitchell, J. R. Dawson, J. S. Fleming, John-Mifflin and R. H. Wagner.

Absent- Elders Donald Clayton, J. G. Marshall, Dr. A. M. Rooker, H. E. Morrill and C. E. Jackson.

In the absence of Rev. C.C. Berryhill, Rev. Wallace E. Easter was acting Moderator.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Easter.

The following persons were received into the fellowship of the Church.

CONFESSION OF FAITH-

- Mr. Natale DeAugustine- 609 Elmwood Ave.
- Mr. Frederick A. Hamilton- 308 Ferry Ave. (Baptism)
- Mr. John S. Lengen- 427 6th St.
- Mrs. John S. Lengen (Josephine)- 427 Sixth
- * Mr. Gerald Greene- 1163 Fairfield Ave.-Letter-Pres. Bridgehamton, N.Y.
- Mr. Harold Fisher- 415 23rd St. (Baptism)
- Mr. Robert E. Robinson- 361 Second St.
- Mrs. Robert E. Robinson- 361 Second St.
- Miss Evelyn P. Sanderson- 185- 58th St. (Baptism)

BY LETTER-

- Mrs. Ralph Mansfield- from First Methodist Church- Niagara Falls 718 87th St.
- Mr. A. M. MacLaren- 531 7th St.- Drummond Hill Presbyterian Niagara Falls, Ontario.

- Mrs. A. M. MacLaren " " " "
 - * Gerald Greene- Letter (see above).
- Prayer was offered by Mr. Look.
- It was regularly moved and seconded that all of above be received into membership. Carried.

Membership cards and enrollment cards and pledge cards were distributed by the Clerk.

It was regularly moved and seconded that Mrs. Endres be engaged through the month of October, and depending on Miss Trott's condition, be engaged the balance of the year.* Carried.

*At the discretion of the Music Committee.

It was regularly moved and seconded that Session adjourn.

The meeting was closed with prayer and benediction by Rev. Easter. The salary of Mrs. Endres was set at \$ 20.00 per Sunday, this to include her traveling expenses.

J. H. Mifflin
J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

October 3, 1949.

SESSION MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Session was held on Monday evening, October 3, 1949 at 7:30 o'clock.

Present- Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Elders Donald Clayton, Russell Look, J. G. Marshall, W. H. Mitchell, A. M. Rooker, H. E. Morrill, J. R. Dawson, John H. Mifflin, R. H. Wagner.

Absent- C. E. Jackson, J. S. Fleming.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, corrected and approved. The Financial report for September was read and approved. Report follows- Benevolent Fund

Receipts- Cash on hand Sept. 1, 1949 -----	\$ 88.49
Envelopes -----	774.11
Interest- U.S.Savings Bond	
(Young Legacy) -----	18.75
	792.86
	<u>\$ 881.35</u>

Disbursements-

To Boards of Church -----	700.00
Cash on hand Sept. 30, 1949 -----	181.35
	<u>\$ 881.35</u>

Note- \$ 1200.00 of the money sent to Boards has been specially designated for Rev. David Thomas.

Summary- Expected Benevolenses 1949 -----	10,360.00
Received to date -----	7,130.63
Amount to be collected -----	<u>3,229.37</u>

Comparison-

In September 1949 received \$ 302.94 more than in Sept. 1948.

First 9 months- Receipts- 1949 -----	68.8%
" " " 1949 ---	67.3%

It was suggested that we recommend to the Trustees that they study the magnitude of duties of the church Treasurer, and of the possibility of relieving the church secretary of part of the Treasurer's work she now does. Also that they learn how other churches handle this problem and what the duties and salary are, in churches of comparable size.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the offer of the Philathea Class to make some gift of a permanent nature to the church be graciously accepted, and that if they should desire to make this gift a new baptismal font the final selection of the font be left to the discretion of the Session's Committee. Carried.

In the use of Miss Carey's gift it was suggested that Mr. Marshall confer with the Trustees in the use of this gift, with the idea that at least some part of it should be for something of a permanent value.

SESSION MINUTES, CONTINUED

It was moved and seconded that Presbyterian Life subscriptions for the Y.W.C.A. and Y.M.C.A. be renewed by the church. Carried.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Benevolence Budget of the church as presented by the Finance Committee be approved. Passed.

No report was made on the Pastor's Fund.

No report of Pulpit Committee.

No further report by the music committee, except to state that the planning conference suggested further use of augmented choir and Junior choir.

Mr. Look reported on Sunday School activities and the Rally Day program. He found marked improvement with the new partitions and other changes.

Vacation Church School was more successful than the preceding year. We had 68 children, 10 teachers and one from Zion Lutheran Church. It cost \$ 54.86 of which \$ 20.00 went to the Buffalo Home for Unprotected Children. The report was received with thanks for a job well done. Report made by Mr. Easter.

A brief report on the contemplated activities of the Laymen's Association was made by the Clerk.

Next Sunday afternoon from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. a regional conference on the New Life Movement will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Tonawanda. Top leader of the New Life Movement of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. will be present.

Vesper services were discussed by the Pastor, the object to provide a program suitable for church people on Sunday afternoons for five weeks starting early in January- the theme, "Community Service." The leadership in music to be assigned to the augmented choir or a Junior Choir. Possible programs for the Boy Scouts, Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., Community Center, and possibly the Organists' Guild and the Girl Scouts. It was regularly moved and seconded that a series of winter vesper services be held starting January 8, and running for at least five Sundays. Carried.

CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT- to get acquainted with the church, its objects and organization- To hold five such meetings and special emphasis be given to 1/5 of the Parish Groups for each meeting, with a general invitation to all who care to attend on any night. This was left to Special and Week Day Service Committee and Rev. Easter for further report at the next meeting of Session.

Letters of appreciation for gift of Communion Cups to Pierce Avenue Presbyterian and Bacon Memorial Church were read. Oral thanks from the Pastor of Riverside Church has also been received.

October 3, 1949.

SESSION MINUTES CONTINUED

The Pastor suggested a rather comprehensive committee for the reception and oversight of D. P.'s after their arrival here. The committee was approved as submitted, except that a boy and girl were suggested from the Westminster group.

Communion Committee chairman reported that the Philathea Class had provided new wrappers for the Communion plates. He asked permission to have plates replated. It was moved and seconded that permission be granted to use his best judgment. Carried.

Rev. Easter was elected a delegate to represent Buffalo-Niagara Presbytery at Synod meeting in Syracuse October 15-18. It was suggested that a larger piece of bread for use by the Pastor in his call for the breaking of the bread be provided.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mr. Wagner.

J. H. Mifflin
J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

OCTOBER 17, 1949.

JOINT MEETING
SESSION AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A Joint Meeting of the Session and Board of Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church of Niagara Falls, New York was held on Monday evening at 7:15 P. M. to consider jointly the budgets of the church for the ensuing year.

Rev. C. C. Berryhill presided as Moderator, with J. H. Mifflin as Clerk.

Present- Elders J. G. Marshall, Wm. H. Mitchell, C. E. Jackson, H. E. Morrill, Joseph R. Dawson, A. M. Rooker and J. H. Mifflin, from the Session.

H. T. Reid, T. R. McNeill, Loren Skinner, Mrs. Thomas Crosse, Mrs. E. A. Pritchard and Dwight E. Allen from the Board of Trustees.

Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Jean McLaren, Treasurer.

General discussion brought out the fact that the Trustees feel that additional sums should be raised annually for maintenance, and that the Benevolent Budget should be kept in line so that this could be done.

Approval of the budgets so presented was made by motion of Mr. H. E. Morrill, seconded by Mr. Reid. Unanimous approval was then voted.

It was voted that the Youth Budget as presented by the Youth Budget Director, Wm. Campbell, should have our tentative approval.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

J. H. Mifflin

J. H. Mifflin,
Clerk of Session.

October 17, 1949.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A Congregational meeting of the First Presbyterian Society of Niagara was held at the First Presbyterian Church on Monday evening, October 17, 1949, at 7:45 o'clock.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING- There will be a meeting of the church and congregation of the First Presbyterian Society of Niagara on Monday, October 17, 1949, at 7:45 P.M. in the Chapel for the purpose of considering and adopting the budgets for 1950.
J. H. Mifflin, Clerk of Session.
H. T. Reid, President, Board of Trustees.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

Mr. B. E. Field was unanimously elected Chairman of the meeting.

Mr. T. R. McNeill presented the budget figures for the Operating Fund as presented by the Board of Trustees. The major increase in the Operating Budget was due to increased insurance costs as additional policies were required to cover replacement values.

Mr. J. G. Marshall presented the Budget for the Benevolent Fund of the Church.

Rev. C. C. Berryhill elaborated upon the method used in arriving at the various budgets of the Church for the benefit of any members who might not previously have attended similar meetings.

Mr. Wm. Campbell presented the proposed Youth Budget for next year.

Mr. Howard E. Morrill explained the item for the Niagara County Council of Churches in the Youth Budget.

It was moved by Dr. A. M. Rooker, seconded by Mr. Wm. H. Mitchell that the budgets, as presented, be approved. Approval was duly voted.

Rev. C. C. Berryhill commented briefly on various aspects of the budget and their place in the life of the church.

Mr. Colin Macdonald, recently appointed Every Member Enrollment Director, spoke briefly upon the needs of the church and the necessity for the active support of each one present.

Mr. Hugh T. Reid, President of the Board of Trustees, reported Briefly on the renovation program now practically sompleted. Mr. Morrill commented on the splendid work done in the whole Sunday School renovation program.

Mr. Morrill moved that the meeting go on record as extending their sincere appreciation to the Trustees and to all others participating for the splendid job done. Motion was duly seconded and carried.

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING CONTINUED

It was regularly moved and seconded that a letter be sent to Mr. Walter Baeckler thanking him for his part in supervising the work. Carried.

It was regularly moved and seconded that this meeting extend greetings to Miss Trott wishing her an early recovery. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn. Carried.

J. H. Mifflin
J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

October 23, 1949

SPECIAL MEETING- SESSION

A special meeting of Session was called by Rev. Wallace E. Easter, acting Moderator on Sunday morning, October 23, 1949, following the church service.

Present- Rev. Wallace E. Easter, Moderator; Elders W. H. Mitchell, J. R. Dawson, H. E. Morrill, C. E. Jackson, Russell M. Look and J. H. Mifflin.

Absent- Donald Clayton, J.G. Marshall, A.M. Rooker, J.S. Fleming, R.H. Wagner.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. H. E. Morrill. The meeting was called to elect a commissioner to represent Presbytery at Camp Duffield meeting on Tuesday, October 25, 1949. Mr. Marshall was designated as our official representative.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Wallace E. Easter.

J. H. Mifflin
J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

DISMISSALS SINCE SEPTEMBER 8, 1949.

- 10/7/49 Mrs. F. T. Gilson (nee Joyce Baumhofer)- 1st Presbyterian Church
Westfield, N.Y.
- 10/11 Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Brain- 1st Presbyterian Church, Downey, California.
- 10/11 Mrs. J. E. Elwell (nee Helen MacGregor)- Park Presbyterian Church
10/29 Newark, N.Y.
- Mr. Frederick F. Jenss- Bacon Memorial Presbyterian Church
- 11/1 Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Witt- United Community Church, Castile, N.Y.
- 11/3 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Norton- Riverside Presbyterian Church, Niagara
Falls, N.Y.
- 11/4 Dr. John Paul Guinther- Cranford Presbyterian Church, Cranford, N.J.

November 7, 1949.

SESSION MINUTES

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church met Monday evening, November 7, at 7:30 P.M.

Present- Moderator Charles C. Berryhill and Rev. Wallace E. Easter and Elders J. G. Marshall, Russell M. Look, H. E. Morrill, C. E. Jackson, J. R. Dawson, J. H. Mifflin, R. H. Wagner, Dr. A. M. Rooker and W.H. Mitchell. Absent- Donald Clayton and J. Stuart Fleming.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. J. H. Mifflin.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read by the clerk showing the following-

RECEIPTS-

Cash on hand Oct. 1, 1949 ----- \$ 181.35

Communion Plate ----- \$ 60.88

Envelopes ----- 1195.61

1256.49

Youth Budget Benevolences ----- 325.36

(counted on church quota) ----- 1763.20

DISBURSEMENTS-

Presbytery Tax (Budget A 4th Quarter) ----- 168.00

" " " B " " Church --- 89.00

Youth Budget 40.00

To Boards ----- 1000.00

Church ----- 1000.00

Youth Budget ----- 285.00

1582.36

Cash on hand October 31 ----- 180.84

1763.20

SUMMARY-

Expected Benevolences 1949 ----- 10360.00

Amount received to date (including Youth Bud. 8731.23

1688.77

COMPARISON-

In October 1949 received (including Youth Budget 241.99 more than

in October 1948.

First ten months Receipts- 1949 -----84.2%

First ten months Receipts- 1948 -----83%

Jean McLaren, Treasurer.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the sum of \$ 25.00 be sent to the Presbytery towards the support of ~~the~~ Pastor of the University Church of Buffalo. Passed.

a Student

A very appreciable amount of discussion on the enrollment brought forth both favorable and unfavorable comments. Mr. Morrill asked for cooperation on the solicitation, with attendance at the meeting Wednesday evening. The Pastor closed the discussion with a plan for positive support of the enrollment by all members of the Session.

Mr. Morrill presented the request of the Riverside church that we provide the lighting fixtures for their new church building. It was regularly moved and seconded that the Session approve the raising

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of \$ 500.00 for the light fixtures for the new Riverside Church, this sum to be raised after January 1. Approved. The method of approach to be decided later.

Pastor's Fund- no income and no outgo.

Music Committee will discuss some aspects of this progra, after the Session meeting.

Laymen's Association reported that we need more chairs and more dishes and it was suggested that we request the Trustees to secure more if possible.

Special Week Day Service- Church Night- reported by Mr. Easter. No meeting suggested until after January 1. Make Sunday School Christmas party a family night affair. Then have family night the first Wednesday of each month- January through April and the second week of May. Plan to make the various church organizations responsible for a meeting each and the parish groups three at a time, to be especially urged to attend one meeting during the year. The plan was approved as reported.

New Life Visitation- Mr. Jackson felt that the church was building up good will even though we did not secure too many new members. The actual number was ten. He reported 10 decision cards signed, with prospects of additional ones through this visitation. The next Communion will be Sunday, December 4, with Preparatory Service on Wednesday evening, November 30.

Mr. W. H. Mitchell will be our delegate at the next Presbytery meeting.

Rev. Easter reported that Dr. Janeway had resigned and that Dr. Heath has been called as Presbyter and has accepted the call to come on February first of next year. The last meeting was held at Camp Duffield and the main program was the inspection of the Camp.

Norman Duffett has been named to serve on a Presbytery committee to consider the practicability of securing a Home for the Aged under the sponsorship of the Presbytery.

On Wednesday evening, November 16, Mrs. Osborn has been asked to present the problem of D. P's at a meeting here at the church.

Mr. Mitchell asked whether we should fireproof the door of the cupboard housing the Communion silver. It was decided that this should be further investigated and a report made at the next meeting.

Mr. Look suggested that the augmented chorus should be provided with better facilities so they can be heard and seen while singing.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mr. Morrill and Rev. W.E. Easter.

J. H. Mifflin
J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING- SESSION

The meeting immediately followed the church service for the purpose of receiving new members.

Present- Moderator Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Elders Russell M. Look, Donald Clayton, H. E. Morrill, J. G. Marshall, W. H. Mitchell, C. E. Jackson, A. M. Rooker and J. H. Mifflin.

Absent- J.R. Dawson, J. Stewart Fleming and R. H. Wagner.

The following persons presented themselves desiring membership in the First Presbyterian Church;-

Philip W. Fletcher- Letter from First Presbyterian Church, Huntington, Pa.
 Mr. Gordon Martin- Letter Presbyterian Church, Newark, N.Y.
 Mrs. Gordon Martin- " " " " "
 Miss Ethel Martin- " " " " "
 Mr. Paul S. Pinkney- " " " " "
 Mrs. Paul S. Pinkney (Mary) " " " " "
 Donald C. Roberson- " " " " " Saranac Lake, N.Y.
 Mrs. Horace Shoenberger- Anglican Church, St. Catherine's, Ont.
 Mrs. Clara M. Slander- " " " " "
 Mr. James E. Troyan- Phillips Methodist Church, Phillips, Texas
 Mrs. James E. Troyan (Janet E) " " " " "
 Mr. Albert F. Wright- 1st Methodist, City
 Mrs. Alfred F. Wright- " " " " "

Mr. Lloyd Barr- Confession of Faith
 Mrs. Lloyd Barr- Confession of Faith
 Mr. Clark M. Bunnell- Confession of Faith
 Miss Clara Taylor- Confession of Faith
 Dr. Lauren G. Welch- Reconfession of faith
 Mrs. Lauren G. Welch (Marjorie) Reconfession of Faith
 Mr. John Whybra- Confession of Faith.

It was regularly moved and seconded that all the above be received into membership as noted above.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mr. H.E. Morrill.

J. H. Mifflin
 J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

DISMISSALS-

November 7, 1949- Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Dilts- Presbyterian Church
 Hendersonville, N.C.

November 15, 1949- Mr. Eric Pratt- First Presbyterian Church
 Lewiston, N.Y.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cornish- First Presbyterian Church, Lewiston, N.Y.

November 30, 1949.

SPECIAL MEETING OF SESSION

A special meeting of Session was called immediately following the Preparatory Service on November 30, 1949, to receive new members.

Present- Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Elders Wm. H. Mitchell, Russell M. Look, Howard E. Morrill, Dr. A. M. Rooker, James G. Marshall and J. H. Mifflin. Also- present- Rev. Wallace E. Easter.

Absent- Elders- Donald Clayton, C.E. Jackson, J.R. Dawson, Stuart Fleming and R. H. Wagner.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the following persons be accepted into membership as noted below-

LETTER-

Mrs. Gordon Davis Shingleton by letter from First Methodist Church
Clarksburg, West Virginia

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH- Miss Jane Goodwin

CONFESSION OF FAITH- Mrs. Peter Krupa

The meeting was closed with prayer by J. H. Mifflin.

J. H. Mifflin
J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING

December 4, 1949.

The Session met immediately preceding the Communion Service on Sunday, December 4, 1949.

Present- Moderator Rev. C.C. Berryhill and Elders Donald Clayton, J. G. Marshall, W. H. Mitchell, Dr. A.M. Rooker, H. E. Morrill, C. E. Jackson, J. Stuart Fleming, John Mifflin and R. H. Wagner.
Absent- Russell M. Look.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

The following persons were presented desiring church membership-

BY LETTER-

Mrs. Bruce Macdonald- Letter from First Presbyterian Church
Marion, Indiana

Mr. Gordon Shingleton- Letter from First Presbyterian Church,
Charleston, West Virginia.

The above persons were received as noted above upon motion duly made and seconded.

The meeting then adjourned to Communion

J. H. Mifflin
J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

Dec. 8, 1949

SESSION MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Session was held Monday, December 5, at 7:30 P.M.

Present- Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill- also Rev. Wallace E. Easter and Elders Donald Clayton, Russell Look, J. G. Marshall, W. H. Mitchell, Dr. Rooker, H. E. Morrill, C. E. Jackson, J. Stuart Fleming and R. H. Wagner.

Absent- J. R. Dawson and John Mifflin.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. R. H. Wagner.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved after certain corrections.

The Treasurer's report of Benevolences was read and accepted. It follows-

Receipts-

Cash on hand November 1, 1949 -----	\$ 180.84
Envelopes-----	735.81
Voluntary Trust Fund Dividend -----	10.75
	<u>746.56</u>
	927.40

Disbursements-

World Council of Churches-----	25.00
To Park College -----	50.00
To Council of Churches (Buffalo)	25.00
(for ministry to students)	
To Boards of the Church -----	750.00
	<u>850.00</u>
Cash on hand November 30, 1949 -----	77.40
	927.40

Summary-

Expected Benevolences 1949 -----	10,360.00
Amount received to date (including Youth Budget)	<u>9,477.79</u>
	882.21

Comparison-

In November 1949- received \$ 176.89 more than in November 1948.

First eleven months Receipts-1949 ----91.4 %

First eleven months Receipts-1948 ----90 %

J. McLaren, Treasurer.

Dr. Rooker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming that a letter be the parking lot owners near the Y.M. thanking them for their cooperation in making concessions in their parking charges to church members going to church. Carried.

The minutes of the special meetings were read and approved.

Dr. Rooker moved that the Trustees confer with Session's Finance Committee in regard to apportioning undesignated funds. Seconded by Mr. Look. Carried.

Dr. Rooker reported for the Pulpit Committee-

Vesper Services to present the Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, the fifth meeting to be addressed by Dr. Paul Heath. ~~if possible~~. The services will start at 5:00 P.M. in the afternoon. Plans are complete.

Re- BAPTISMAL FONT- After discussion, it was decided to approve the type with the straight lines.

Re- MUSIC COMMITTEE- There was considerable discussion on Music problems, but action was deferred until after the committee has its next meeting, probably during the next two weeks.

Re- COMMUNION COMMITTEE- There was much discussion on communion. Dr. Rooker made a motion that Mr. Mitchell be continued as chairman of the committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fleming. After discussion, the motion was tabled to check on pertinent governing rules.

Re- SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUNG PEOPLE- Mr. Look reported that Dr. Cavert made many constructive suggestions regarding the Sunday School on his recent visit. No song books for Junior Department have been ordered to date, but there was some discussion on this matter. It was suggested that action be taken soon so that needed books can be obtained.

Mr. Easter reported on the weekly spiritual breakfast meetings of the High School youth on Wednesday mornings at 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. Mitchell reported that the silverware had been replated. An estimate of \$ 25.00 to \$ 30.00 was made for fire proofing the cupboard for the silverware.

The Session directed that the bill for replating the silver be paid.

A motion was made and seconded that a recommendation be made to the Trustees to have the cupboard fireproofed. Carried.

A motion was made and seconded that the Hotel bill for Dr. Cavert be paid and that he be sent a check for \$ 15.00. The motion was carried.

The question of whether an employment agency by the church to aid in securing work for unemployed church members would be desirable was brought up.

It was directed that a call be made for the Annual Meeting in January. Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Dr. Rooker and the motion carried.

An annual meeting booklet is to be prepared and edited by Mr. Easter.

Rev. Berryhill discussed a possible church magazine. He also proposed notification of some of the elders in the case of deaths of members.

There was considerable discussion on revision of the bulletin, and a committee of Mr. Jackson, Chairman, Dr. Rooker and Mr. Fleming was

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appointed to consider the matter and report in February.

Mr. Berryhill made a suggestion that the Pastor and Clerk send letters to the family in case of death of members.

A motion was made by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Dr. Rooker that the 125th Anniversary Booklets be given to all new members of the church, and to shut ins if they do not have them. Carried.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mr. Berryhill.

C. E. Jackson
Clerk

December 18, 1949.

SPECIAL MEETING OF SESSION

A special meeting of the Session was called on Sunday, December 18, 1949, following the morning service.

Present, Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Elders-C. E. Jackson, Russell, J. G. Marshall, R. H. Wagner, H. E. Morrill, A. M. Rooker, Stuart Fleming, W. H. Mitchell and J. H. Mifflin.

Absent- Donald Clayton, *Joseph J. Dawson*.

The following report of the MUSIC COMMITTEE was made-

The Music Committee has met for discussion three times since the December meeting of the Session. Your Committee has had the benefit of interviews between Chairman Fleming of the Music Committee and Miss Trott, between the Pastor and Miss Trott and Mrs. Brumburgh.

When your Chairman recently saw Miss Trott upon her invitation, they had an extended conversation and she advised him that she had considered carefully her own health and the music program of the church and had reached the decision that she should offer her resignation as Organist and Director of Music in our Church. She repeated her decision when talking with Mr. Berryhill and asked him to place her resignation before the Music Committee and the Session of the Church. We therefore, so inform you.

In view of our study of the present situation as regards the music of the church, we recommend:-

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1- That we delay action upon Miss Trott's resignation as Organist and Director of Music until the regular monthly meeting of the Session in January.

2- That we request Mrs. Endres to continue as temporary organist through February, and that she be offered \$ 17.00 per Sunday (including five dollars for transportation)* for her services during this time.

3- That Mrs. Brumburgh be asked to continue as temporary Director during this time and that she be paid \$ 10.00 per week for this service.

Your committee has considered the commendable manner in which Mrs. Brumburgh has carried the responsibility of temporary Director during Miss Trott's absence and -

4- We recommend that Mrs. Brumburgh be given \$ 50.00 beyond her usual remuneration for her services through December 31, 1949.

The four suggestions made above were duly moved, seconded and passed.

The Session meeting will be held on January 9, instead of January 2nd, by unanimous approval.

It was approved that the new officers list of the Sunday School be approved by mail.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

J. H. Mifflin
J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

DISMISSALS-

Nov. 29, 1949.

Thomas Goodwin- First Presbyterian Church- Dearborn, Michigan-

Dec. 16, 1949

Betty Barrett- Presbyterian Church, Watertown, N.Y.

Mrs. Gary Cutini (nee Celeste Stokes) Oak Grove Methodist Church
Decatur, Ga.

January 9, 1950

SESSION MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Session was held on Monday, January 9, at 7:30 P.M.

Present- Moderator C. C. Berryhill and Rev. Wallace E. Easter and Elders- J. G. Marshall, W. H. Mitchell, C. E. Jackson, Russell M. Look, Joseph Dawson, Stuart J. Fleming, Howard E. Morrill, J. H. Mifflin, *Dr. C. M. Rucker*

Absent- ~~Elders A. M. Rucker~~, Donald Clayton.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

The financial report for December was read and approved as follows-

RECEIPTS-

Cash on hand Dec. 1, 1949 -----	\$ 77.40
Envelopes -----	\$ 650.04
Communion plate -----	54.64
From Westminster Fellowship ..	27.92
	<u>732.60</u>
	810.00
For Restoration Fund -----	30.00
From Youth Budget -----	220.13
	<u>1060.13</u>

DISBURSEMENTS-

To D. Allan Locke, Tress. Restoration Fund-	30.00
To Boards of Church	
Church -----	750.00
Youth Budget -----	220.13
	<u>1000.13</u>
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1949 -----	60.00
	<u>1060.13</u>

SUMMARY-

Expected Benevolences- 1949 -----	10,360.00
Amount received to date (including Y.B.) ---	10,430.52
Expectation exceeded -----	\$ 70.52

COMPARISON

In December 1949 received (including Y.B. \$ 6.35 less than in December 1948.

Twelve months receipts- 1949 -----	100.6 %
" " " 1948 -----	101.5 %

Statement of Giving to General Assembly- approved Benevolences for 1949-

1- Assigned share -----	\$ 11,500.00
2- Accepted share -----	8,500.00
3- Total amount to Boards	
Church -----	\$ 9,276.00
Youth Budget -----	545.49
	<u>\$ 9,821.49</u>

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SESSION MINUTES, continued.

Rev. Berryhill reported for the Pulpit Committee, with particular emphasis on the Vesper Service starting with a Y.W.C.A. program next Sunday afternoon at 5:00 P.M. The Parish groups will be asked to notify the congregation of these Vesper services.

The Finance Committee reported the undesignated funds should be apportioned in same ration as designated funds. A general discussion of the allocation of church funds by the general boards brought out a number of interesting facts.

Report of Pastor's Fund-	Income \$	160.00	-
	Outgo	146.25	-
	Balance	259.78	-

MUSIC COMMITTEE REPORT

- I- That the Session accept Miss Trott's resignation. Approved.
- II- That Miss Trott be retained as Director of Music Emeritus at a nominal salary, \$ 200.00 per year. Passed.
- III- That Mrs. Endres and Mrs. Brumburgh be retained on the present operating basis through the month of April, 1950. Carried.
- IV- That the Session Music Committee take steps to secure a permanent organist and choir director, as soon as possible after May 1. Carried.

In notifying Miss Trott of the acceptance of her resignation and her honorary appointment as Director Emeritus, it is suggested that by so doing we desire to have the Music Committee and the Director of Music to feel free to call on her for advice or council at any time.

Mr. Look reported for the Sunday School Committee that additional equipment has been recently installed, and that the new Sunday School officers were installed yesterday.

Rev. Easter reported Young People's officers were installed last Sunday evening, and the young people have also sent \$ 125.00 to Camp Duffield and the balance was given to the Benevolent funds of the church. Youth Week will be celebrated starting January 29, the young people will assist in the church service that Sunday. Camp Duffield will be under writted by the Presbytery, but any contributions will still be gratefully received. *

J. H. Mifflin reported on the Laymen's Association meeting of Tuesday, January 10, at which the charter in the National Society of Presbyterian Men will be presented.

The Religious Fellowship will hold a Joint Communion Service in this Church on Wednesday evening, February 22, the communion committee to prepare the elements and the visiting pastors will serve the Communion.

The Session will meet following Church on Sunday, February 5 to receive new members.

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SESSION MINUTES- continued

W. H. Mitchell
The matter of retaining ~~as~~ Chairman of the Communion Committee was concluded with his positive feeling that he should not continue on with the job. The Session expressed regret at the fact that Mr. J. G. Marshall, W. H. Mitchell, Russell M. Look and Donald Clayton were now leaving the Session.

Rev. Berryhill reported that no definite word had been received yet as to the arrival of the D. P's applied for by our church.

The Annual meeting was discussed with the idea of trying to stimulate interest in the meeting. Suggestions were-

- A- Motion picture on a subject of Displaced Persons
- B- Talk by Miss Vinal
- C- Talk by Dr. Cushing

Holy Week Services as usual during Holy Week of this year. Communion Service will be held as usual on Thursday of Holy Week. Mr. W. H. Mitchell will be our delegate to Presbytery.

Recognition of Trustees and Installation of Elders will be held on Sunday, February 5th.

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the Session agree to cover any deficit incurred in these monthly dinners. Mr. Jackson and Mr. Look were asked to extend the thanks of the Session to the Committee and groups who participated in the success of the first Family Night dinner this fall.

Mr. Morrill raised the question as to how we were to raise the \$ 500.00 we agreed to raise to pay our pledge to purchase lights for the New Riverside Church. Rev. Berryhill appointed Mr. Dawson as Chairman with Mr. Fleming and Mr. Morrill as the other members to take care of this.

The pastor reported on illness among the church congregation.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mr. J. G. Marshall and Mr. Joseph Dawson.

J. H. Mifflin
J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

JANUARY 22, 1950.

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING

A special meeting of the Session was called by the Moderator Sunday morning, January 22, following the church service.

Present- Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Elders J. G. Marshall, A. M. Rooker, Donald Clayton, C. E. Jackson, Joseph Dawson, W. H. Mitchell, H. E. Morrill, R. H. Wagner, J. H. Mifflin and Russell M. Look.

Absent- J. Stuart Fleming.

The Pastor brought up the question of what quota we should accept for the benevolent budget for Boards and Agencies of the Church and suggested a figure of \$ 9000.00 for the coming year.

It was regularly moved and seconded that we accept a quota of \$ 9000.00 for the year 1950. Carried.

There seemed to be no objection for the Worcester College Choir holding a concert in the church on Saturday evening, March 4.

The Session approved the Pastor and Clerk of Session going over Church Rolls and eliminating those who have no longer an active interest, or participation in the services of the Church.

The question of sale of lots on Maple Avenue was left for later joint action by Session and Trustees.

The Church is to be asked to participate in the Sacrificial Plan for the Lenten season to extend for the period of one month, and designated this year as ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING.

In view of the success of the Sacrificial meal last year, it was voted that we participate again this year. Passed.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

J. H. Mifflin

J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

FEBRUARY 5, 1950.

SPECIAL MEETING OF SESSION

A special meeting of the Session was called Sunday morning immediately following the morning service.

Present- Moderator- Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Elders C. J. Elderfield, C. E. Jackson, Keith Demmon, Dr. A. M. Rooker, A. E. Habgood, R. H. Wagner, J. R. Dawson, Colin Macdonald, J. H. Mifflin and H. E. Morrill. *W. E. Maek*

Absent- Elders ~~W. E. Maek~~ and Stuart Fleming.

The following persons presented themselves desiring membership in the First Presbyterian Church-

By Letter-

Dr. McCarter Brown- Letter from First Presbyterian Church, Yonkers, N.Y.
Mrs. McCarter Brown- Letter from First Presbyterian Church, Yonkers, N.Y.

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH-

Mr. Thomas Woolison- 555 Seventh St.
Mrs. Thomas Woolison (Florence)- 555 Seventh St.
Mrs. Elizabeth Sheppard- 450 Ninth Street

CONFESSION OF FAITH-

Mr. Robert Beckett, Jr.- 342 Third St.
Miss Marilyn Westbrook- 325 Main St.
Miss Patricia Westbrook- 325 Main Street.

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It was regularly moved and seconded that all above be accepted into membership in our Church.

Prayer by Mr. H. E. Morrill.

The meeting was closed with instructions by the Pastor.

Closing prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

J. H. Mifflin
J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

JANUARY 30, 1950

ANNUAL MEETING

MINUTES - ANNUAL MEETING - FIRST PRESBYTERIAN SOCIETY OF NIAGARA
7:30 P.M.

WORSHIP PERIOD- Rev. W.E. Easter, presented hymns and invocation.

CALL TO MEETING:- Rev. C. C. Berryhill

MEETING CONSTITUTED WITH PRAYER BY REV. C. C. BERRYHILL.

Chair announced Congregational Meetings are presided over by the Minister or a substitute. Corporation meetings require election of a moderator. With the consent of the attending body, the Congregational Meeting recessed in order that the Corporation meeting might take place.

Chair opened with nominations for moderator. He. E. Morrill moved; it was seconded and carried that Clarence Jackson be moderator. There being no further nominations, they were closed and Mr. Jackson, who is a church Elder, was declared Moderator of the Corporation Meeting.

Moderator declared polls opened at 7:55 P.M.

Mr. Jackson announced the Corporation is required to maintain open polls for the period of one hour. Therefore, the first order of business was opened for nominations for the office of Trustees. The Nominating Committee composed of the following persons: Dr. A. M. Rooker, W. Baekler, J. R. Dawson, Mrs. Robert Nicol, Mrs. Elizabeth Pritchard, presented the following slate:

A. J. Gailey
W. R. Smith

Lloyd Pollock
Mrs. Robert Nicol.

There were no further nominations from the floor.

Moderator called for presentation of reports as indicated in "Review and Outlook", bound volume of summary of activities and program and financial reports of First Presbyterian Church during the year 1949.

Consideration of Annual Financial Reports as presented, led by T. R. McNeill and Church Treasurer, Jean McLaren. Mrs. James Linn moved; it was seconded by T. R. McNeill, and carried that the Financial Reports, other than those of the individual societies, be accepted as printed and presented.

When called upon, Treasurer, Jean McLaren gave the following report on Every Member Enrollment: total number of pledges 480-500, total amount pledged as on 1/30/50 is \$ 34,969.40, leaving a deficit of \$ 870.00, or 2.5 %. 1949 deficit was 8 %.

Also Treasurer McLaren have the following report on Physical Development Fund: individual pledges in 1949 exceeded \$ 10,000.00; total pledges are \$ 22,337.40 payable in three years. \$ 21,232.50 has been expended to date in this Fund, with a balance of \$ 1282.02 indicated which is already committed to unfinished projects. \$ 9750.00 has been borrowed in three loans- two from bank, one from church fund. Unpaid pledges due in next two years are approximately \$ 12,000.00.

C. C. Berryhill informed the meeting that the Memorial Fund is that raised and used in part as a memorial to those in Service during World War II. The sum as yet on hand is indicated to install somewhere in the church a stained glass window.

Mr. Berryhill also indicated that the sum of \$ 100.00 appearing under Disbursements as Entertainment was a request item to local churches for contributions toward entertainment of the General Assembly Session in Buffalo, N.Y. during 1949.

Following considerable discussion regarding the Endowment and Trust Funds of the First Presbyterian Church, during which the need for an investigation and report was stressed, and also during which Rev. C. C. Berryhill referred to the Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting at which time a committee was established with this responsibility. Dr. Rooker moved; it was seconded by J. G. Marshall, and carried, that the committee appointed 1/17/49 to review the endowment and trust funds of the Church, be reminded of their responsibility and requested to report to the Joint Boards of the Church by April 1, 1950.

At this time T. R. McNeill indicated gifts during 1949 from Miss Anna Carey of \$ 1000.00 and Mrs. Susan B. McIntyre of \$ 1000.00 Both persons, now deceased, have indicated these endowments but to date no disposition has been made of the money. Full recognition will be made of these gifts at Eastertime and they will thereafter be recorded. J. G. Marshall reminded the body that listing although without disposition, should have been made in "Review and Outlook" as indicated by previous action and recorded in the records. T. R. McNeill indicated this matter as an oversight at this time.

Mr. McNeill then brought to attention the fact that First Presbyterian Church owns two parcels of real estate on Maple Avenue (Lots 104 and 106) Nine Hundred Block, Niagara Falls, New York. The Session and Board of Trustees have unanimously approved the sale of this land, purchased in the 1920's with the idea of building a mission church in DeVeaux Section, such idea having been since abandoned.

H. E. Morrill moved; R. C. Shubert seconded and it was unanimously carried- "That this corporation meeting approve the actions taken by the two Boards of the Church relative to the sale of these parcels of real estate at the best possible figure, and that we ask the consent of the Presbytery, as is necessary, in this matter."

Discussion ensued as to the proper methods of sale and ultimate disposition of money realized from the sale of this real estate. R. M. Look moved, J. R. Dawson seconded, and it was unanimously carried "To empower the Trustees to use the money received from the sale of the aforementioned real estate, in the Physical Development Program of the First Presbyterian Church, to their best judgement."

The polls having remained open for one hour or more, as is required, Moderator Jackson entertained a motion that they be closed.

Dr. A. M. Rooker so moved seconded by Mrs. James Linn, and it was carried.

Dr. Rooker further moved, seconded by W. H. Mitchell that where there be but one Nominee for an office, they be declared elected and the secretary cast one ballot. It was carried. The following were declared elected as Trustees for a period of three years.

A. J. Gailey
W. R. Smith

Lloyd Pollock
Mrs. Robert Nicol

The business of the Corporation having been completed, Moderator Clarence Jackson, entertained a motion that the meeting be returned to a congregational meeting. Dr. A. M. Rooker so moved, seconded by R. M. Look and it was carried.

The Congregational Meeting having reconvened, Rev. C. C. Berryhill assumed the chair.

Nominations for Elders to the Session were in order. The following were nominated to serve three years-

C. J. Elderfield
W. E. Mack

Keith Demmon
A. E. Habgood

Colin Macdonald for one year to serve in place of T. L. Bishop, now deceased.

C. E. Jackson moved; it was seconded by T. R. McNeill and carried that nominations be closed.

Dr. A. M. Rooker, moved; it was seconded by J. G. Marshall, and carried that there be but one nominee, the secretary cast one ballot and they be declared elected.

Rev. C. C. Berryhill announced that Ordination of A. E. Habgood, Elder, Installation of Elders and Recognition of Trustees will take place February 5, at the regular Church service.

Chair referred to "Review and Outlook" concerning presentation of organization reports. W. H. Mitchell moved; it was seconded by A. E. Habgood and carried that the reports, other than the already accepted financial reports, be received as presented in the book.

Dr. A. M. Rooker moved; and it was seconded by C. E. Jackson, that recognition be given to the Philathea Class of the Presbyterian Church for their gift of a new baptismal font to the church. Mrs. James Linn accepted thses thanks in behalf of the Philathea Class and indicated the order had been placed for the new font.

Mrs. Wm. Campbell moved; it was seconded and carried, that recognition and thanks also be given to the Presbyterian Guild for furnishing the Lounge Room and to Mrs. Elizabeth Pritchard for the gift of a rug in the Lounge Room.

ANNUAL MEETING CONTINUED

J. R. Dawson moved; it was seconded by Dr. R. C. Snowden, and carried that outstanding steps in building improvements were particularly noticable in the Sunday School Religious Education work for which a vote of appreciation should be given the Trustees and especially Mr. Walter Baeckler who was responsible for having carried out the work so well, and also any assisting committee.

Chair called for nomination and election of a Nomination Committee for the ensuing year. This committee to be composed of two Elders, two Trustees, and a member from the congregation at large. Nominations resulted as follows-

H. E. Morrill	nominated	J. R. Dawson -	Elder
R. M. Look	"	C. E. Jackson-	"
J. H. Mifflin	"	Mrs. Elizabeth Pritchard-	Trustee
A. M. Rooker	"	T. R. McNeill	Trustee
J. G. Marshall	"	R. M. Look-	Member at large.

A. E. Habgood moved nominations be closed and where there be but one nominee, they be declared elected and the secretary cast one ballot. This was seconded by A. M. Rooker, carried and the above nominees were thereby declared elected.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. A. E. Habgood presented an informal report on Displaced persons Committee. This speaker announced that in the last communication from World Church Service it was indicated the local committee would be notified when the displaced persons have been selected overseas. He indicated that this notification would probably come within the next two months.

Rev. C. C. Berryhill announced Rev. W. E. Easter as editor, assisted by Mrs. McKellips, Church Secretary on "Review and Outlook" also they had been assisted by the following:- Miss Faye Griffith, Miss Clara Taylor and Miss Virginia Noll.

Also- that the figures covering church membership have been changed since 1/1/50 and has now been set at 1226, a decrease from 1424 in 1949.

"Presbyterian Life" magazine is still one of the vital magazines of our church/

Family Night will next be observed Wednesday, 2/1/50. Rev. Easter and assisting committee have been responsible for promoting these successful functions.

Mr. Adin Chase spoke regarding Presbyterian Church Boy Scouts Troop 3. The troop is interested in participating in the grand Jamboree to be held in Pennsylvania this year. Mr. R. M. Look moved, seconded by Mrs. James Linn, that Mr. Chase's request for financial aid for the church troop be referred to the Session. This was carried.

There being no further business, Dr. R. C. Snowden moved adjournment, seconded by Dr. Rooker. Rev. C. C. Berryhill closed the meeting with prayer.
R. M. Ginther 2/6/50 J. H. Mifflin J. H. Mifflin, Clerk

FEBRUARY 6, 1950

SESSION MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was held Monday evening, February 6, at 7:30 o'clock.

Present- Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill. Also Rev. Wallace E. Easter and Elders A. E. Habgood, C. J. Elderfield, Walter E. Mack, Keith Demmon, Colin Macdonald, A. M. Rooker, M.D., J. R. Dawson, John H. Mifflin, C. E. Jackson and H. E. Morrill.

Absent- Elders J. Stuart Fleming and R. H. Wagner.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and two special meetings were read, corrected and approved.

The Pastor presented his list of Committees assigned for the ensuing year. The list is attached hereto. It was regularly moved and seconded that the organization as presented be approved.

SESSION was organized at the February meeting as follows-
 CLERK- John H. Mifflin
 PULPIT- Dr. A.M.Rooker, J.R.Dawson, C.J.Elderfield
 FINANCE- H.E.Morrill, J.R.Dawson, A.E.Habgood
 MUSIC- J.S.Fleming, H.E.Morrill, R.H.Wagner.
 SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUNG PEOPLE- K.Demmon, C.E.Jackson, J.Dawson
 ADULT PROGRAM- J.H.Mifflin, C.J.Elderfield, R.H.Wagner
 COMMUNION- W.E.Mack, A.M.Rooker, J.H.Mifflin, A.E.Habgood.
 SPECIAL AND WEEK DAY SERVICES- C.Macdonald, A.E.Habgood, Keith Demmon, W.E.Mack.
 EVANGELISM AND MEMBERSHIP- C.E.Jackson, C.Macdonald, R.H.Wagner H.E.Morrill
 PASTOR'S FUND- C.J.Elderfield, J.S.Fleming
 COUNCIL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION- C. Macdonald
 USHERS- J.H.Mifflin

The financial report on benevolences for January was received and filed. It follows-

RECEIPTS- Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1950 ----- \$ 60.00
 Envelopes ----- 1553.34 1613.34

DISBURSEMENTS-
 To Boards of the Church ----- 1500.00
 Cash on hand January 31, 1950 ----- 113.34 1613.34

SUMMARY-
 Expected Benevolences for 1950 ----- 10,735.00
 Amount to be collected ----- 9,181.66

COMPARISON-
 In January 1950 received \$ 3.32 more than in January 1949.
 In January 1950 ----- 14.4 %
 In January 1949 ----- 14.9 %

Jean McLaren, Treasurer.

Mr. Dawson reported on the fund raising campaign for the Riverside Church.

MUSIC- Several organists have applied for the position, and the music committee is at work on a permanent solution to the music problem.

YOUTH COMMITTEE- report of Camp Duffield project read by C. E. Jackson. Our quota is \$ 2000.00, of which \$ 1059.00 has been raised.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the church assume an obligation to complete by the close of 1951, the payment of \$ 2000.00 towards the Camp Duffield project, half of which has already been paid. Approved. The Moderator appointed the committee on Sunday School and Young people to propose plans for raising the balance of this amount.
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LAYMEN'S ASSOCIATION- Keith Demmon reported on the Laymen's Association, and stressed the need for greater support of the men of the church if they are to function actively as a member of the National Council of Presbyterian men. He feels that a start is being made toward getting the Laymen actively behind athletics and other programs of general interest to the church.

COMMUNION ON ASH WEDNESDAY- Elements are to be prepared by the Communion Committee and the same service will be taken care of for the Communion Breakfast of the Laymen's Association on Sunday, March 5.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the list of members no longer active be submitted to the Committee on Evangelism and Membership to recommend such action as seems fitting and report to the Session at our regular March meeting.

THE SEA SCOUTS are asking for permission to use the Church gymnasium on Wednesday evening each week. Motion was regularly moved, seconded and carried that this permission be granted.

It was regularly moved and seconded that we place the name of Colin Macdonald in nomination as Commissioner to the General Assembly in Cincinnati on

J. H. Mifflin was nominated to attend the Presbytery meeting to be held at the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church on February 14, at 4:00 P.M.

There will be a meeting of the Session after Church on Sunday, March 5, after church to meet new members.

There will be a joint meeting of the Boards of the Church with wives invited, to talk over items of general interest at sometime during March. Referred to Committee on Special and Week Day Service.

Proposal of a committee on unemployment. No action taken on this.

Next Family Night Dinner will be March 1st.

Committee on Calendar reported briefly, in general commending the present bulletin of our church.

MINUTES- SESSION MEETING- February 6, 1950.
continued.

The Session went on record as being dissatisfied with the janitor service in this church and asked that the matter be referred to the Trustees for necessary action. Check church pews also as to the rough condition in which causes snagging of stockings, etc.

The Presbytery authorized the completion of Camp Duffield with the individual responsibilities of the churches to underwrite and pay for the project not minimized in any way thereby.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Wallace E. Easter.

J. H. Mifflin
J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

Feb. 6, 1950.

Sunday, March 5, 1950.

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING

A special meeting of the Session was called by the Moderator Sunday morning, March 5, immediately following the worship service, for the purpose of receiving new members.

Present- Moderator C. C. Berryhill and Elders- H. E. Morrill, W. E. Mack, C. E. Jackson, J. R. Dawson, Keith Demmon, J. H. Mifflin and Rev. Wallace E. Easter.

Absent- Elders A. E. Habgood, C. J. Elderfield, Colin Macdonald, A. M. Rooker, J. Stuart Fleming and R. H. Wagner.

The following persons presented themselves desiring membership-

BY LETTER-

Mr. John Boone- letter from Osceola Presbyterian Church, Osceola Mills, Pa.

Miss Jane Boone- letter from Osceola Presbyterian Church, Osceola, Mills, Pa.

Mr. Robert Parsons- letter from St. Paul's Methodist Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y. - 2239 South

major Mr. J. H. McKinnon- letter from Presbyterian Church, Lumber Bridge, N.C. - 1002 College

Mrs. J. H. McKinnon, letter from Presbyterian Church, Lumber Bridge, N.C.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the above be received into membership. Carried.

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH-

Mrs. John Boone -439- 13th St.

Marilyn M. Parsons (Mrs. Robert) - 2239 South Ave.

Mr. George L. Small - 233- 84th

Mrs. George L. Small " "

Miss Elizabeth Boone- 439- 13th St.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the above be received by Reaffirmation of Faith. Carried.

CONFESSION OF FAITH-

Franklin Phillips, Jr.- 5628 Stevenson Ave.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the above be received as noted. Carried.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

SUMMARY MEMBERS-

Letter-	5
Reaffirmation	5
Confession	1
Total	<u>11</u>

J. H. Mifflin

J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

March 8, 1950.

SESSION MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was held on Wednesday evening, March 8, 1950.

Present- Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill; also Rev. Wallace E. Easter and Elders A. E. Habgood, C. J. Elderfield, Walter Mack, Keith Demmon, Colin Macdonald, H. E. Morrill, J. H. Mifflin and J. R. Dawson, J. Stuart Fleming.

ABSENT:- Elders Dr. A. M. Rooker, ~~Six Stuart Fleming~~ and R. H. Wagner and J. Stuart Fleming, and C. E. Jackson.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, corrected and approved.

The Treasurer's report for February was read. It follows-

RECEIPTS- Cash on hand February 1, 1950 -----	\$ 113.34
Envelopes -----	627.30
	<u>\$ 740.64</u>

DISBURSEMENTS-	
Presbytery Tax, Budget A, first quarter -----	\$ 154.50
To Boards of the Church -----	300.00
	<u>\$ 454.50</u>
*Cash on hand February 28, 1950 -----	286.14
	<u>\$ 740.64</u>

*At Mr. Berryhill's suggestion, a balance of \$ 250.00 is being kept on hand for the Displaced Persons' Fund.

SUMMARY- Expected Benevolences in 1950 -----	\$ 10,735.00
Amount received to date -----	2,180.64
	<u>\$ 8,554.36</u>

COMPARISON-

In February 1950 received \$ 106.58 more than in 1949.

First two months- 1950- 20.3 %

First two months- 1949- 19.9 %

REPORT ON VESPER SERVICES-

Receipts- January 15-----	\$ 17.15
" 22-----	20.69
" 29 -----	8.93
Feb. 5 -----	11.18
" 12-----	21.35
	<u>\$ 79.30</u>

Disbursements-

Speakers -----	30.00
Postage, Adv. ----	15.29
	<u>45.29</u>
Balance -----	<u>\$ 34.01</u>

Jean McLaren, Treasurer.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the Session hereby approve any action taken by the Trustees in the disposal of the two lots on Maple Avenue.

A Review of the program for the "One Great Hour of Sharing" on Sunday, March 12, finds us participating as usual.

A report of the contributions received for the Riverside Church looks as though the amount we had hope to subscribe will be raised.

The Choir somehow understood that there was to be extra comoensation for the Vesper service. The pastor recommended that therefore, each member of the choir be paid \$ 5.00 to defray additional expenses incurred. It was definitely understood that this payment was to be made because of the misunderstanding, and that it set no precedent. It was moved, seconded and carried.

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that, in respect to the memorial fund for Mrs. Sophie Janeway, the question of our participation be left to the committee assigned to raise additional money.

ADULT PROGRAM- The Clerk reported, and the Session noted with satisfaction the eight o'clock communion, followed by Communion breakfast at 8:30 A.M. and a talk by Mr. Rob Roy McLeod, Chairman of the Men's Work Committee of the Buffalo-Niagara Presbytery, on Sunday morning, March 5, 1950, Laymen's Monthly Association program.

THE NEXT COMMUNION will be held Thursday evening, April 6.

It was suggested that we hold a Church social night on April 26, and that the three women's organizations be asked to carry on this program. The Session voted to approve expenditures up to \$ 50.00 to defray the expenses of the social evening.

The next meeting of the Session will be held on Palm Sunday, April 2, at 10:00 A. M. to meet with the Communicants' Class and any others who may desire to meet with the Session at that time.

There will also be a meeting of the Session on Wednesday evening, April 5, following the Preparatory Service.

Bruce Macdonald was elected Chairman of ushers with Messers. Wm. C. Westerman, Platon Collipp and Wm. Stark as Captains.

The use of the library lounge should be in accord with its purpose for which it was designed, and not as a general lounge room and in a careless and slipshod manner.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mr. C. J. Elderfield.

J. H. Mifflin

J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

April 2, 1950.

SPECIAL MEETING OF SESSION

A special meeting of the Session was called Sunday, April 2, 1950 at 10:15 A. M. to receive the Communicants' Class.

Present:- Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill; Elders Keith Demmon, C. J. Elderfield, Albert E. Habgood, Ralph Wagner, Joseph Dawson, C. E. Jackson, J. H. Mifflin, and Colin Macdonald.

Absent- Elders J. S. Fleming, H. E. Morrill, A. M. Rooker, M.D., W.E.Mack.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Pastor.

The Pastor gave an explanation of the steps required in joining the Church.

The following young people constituting the Communicants' Class, were received into membership in the church on confession of Faith.-

- Eleanor Ruth Allen- 8708 Pershing Ave.
- Ronald Merlin Boss- 334 Seventh St.
- ~~Robert Beckett, Jr.~~- 342 Third St. ^{215/50}
- Beverly Jean Brown- 310 Jefferson Ave.
- Dorothy Jean Bullock- 8197 W. Rivershore
- Suzanne Crafts - 844 College Ave.
- Walter Crafts, Jr. 844 College
- Megan Cunnick- 969 McKinley Ave.
- Jane Davy- 235 First St.
- Mary Brock Davy- 235 First St.
- Donna Jean Florio- 2919 Grand Ave.
- Sue Ann Jackson- 1301 Roselle Ave.
- *Lawrence Jack Martin- 304 Seventh St.
- Jane Elizabeth McGhee- 2487 Woodlawn
- Elizabeth H. McKinnon- 1002 College Ave.
- Joyce Kathleen McPhail- 8540 Krull Pkwy
- Linda Ann Neff- 337 Buffalo Ave.
- Margaret B. Paton- 347 $\frac{1}{2}$ Tenth St.
- *Tanis Jane Pedlow- 605 Jefferson Ave.
- Sarah Hane Vanderlip- 901- 92nd St.
- *Lorna Fae Walker- 912 College Ave.
- *~~Marilyn Elsie Westbrook~~- 335 Main St. ^{215/50}
- *~~Patricia Ann Westbrook~~ ^{215/50}
- *Katherine Lynn Brown- 826 College Ave.
- *James Deyrup- 958 James Avenue

Total- Communicants Class-----25

* Baptised.

It was regularly moved and seconded that all be so received. Carried.
A prayer of blessing was offered by Mr. C. J. Elderfield.

J. H. Mifflin J.H.Mifflin, Clerk.

April 5, 1950.

SESSION MINUTES

The Session met immediately following the Preparatory Service on Wednesday, April 5, 1950.

Present- Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Elders A. E. Habgood, C. J. Elderfield, W. E. Mack, Colin Macdonald, C. E. Jackson, J. R. Dawson, J. H. Mifflin, R. H. Wagner, H. E. Morrill; also Rev. Wallace E. Easter.

Absent- Elders Dr. A. M. Rooker, Keith Demmon and J. Stuart Fleming.

The following persons presented themselves, desiring membership.

BY LETTER-

Mrs. James L. Durkin- Letter from 1st Presbyterian Church, DuBois, Pa.
Miss Lois Dodimead, letter from 1st Christian Church, City.
Mr. Berle F. Fesenmyer- letter from 1st Presbyterian, Bradford, Pa.
Mr. and Mrs. Leo McGee- letters from Big Run Methodist Church, Big Run, Pa.
Mrs. Jack Bell- letter from St. Paul's Methodist Church, city.
Mrs. Joseph Bane, Jr.- letter from Church of Epiphany, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Mrs. T. Gordon Stewart- letter- 2nd Reformed Church- Philadelphia, Pa.
Mrs. Victor Summerfield- Letter Calvary Lutheran Church- City.
Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Gamble- 8 B. St. St. James Methodist- City.
Mr. Ernest Bortz- 1st Pres, Church- Blarisville, Pa.
Mrs. Robert Gibson- letter from Pierce Ave. Presbyterian, City.

CONFESSION AND REAFFIRMATION-

* Miss Laura Chelton- 443 Main St.
Mr. Robert Gibson- 463 8th St.
Mrs. Marlin Johnson- 2230 Grand Ave.
*Mr. John Stuyvenberg- 2779 Orleans Ave.
Miss Adele Szabo- 3109 Maple Ave.
Mr. Jack Bell- 304 Buffalo Ave.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davy- 467 Fourth St.
Mrs. Allen Deyrup- 958 James Ave.
Mr. T. Gordon Stewart- 4321 Rapids Blvd.
*Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Donovan- 748 Spruce Ave.
Mr. Richard Greenwood- 403 Jefferson Avenue
Mrs. Peter J. Taft- 235 First St.

By Letter- 13

Reaffirmation
& Confession 14

27

*Baptised.

Summary since last Communion*

Letter----- 20

Reaffirmation

& Confession---- 49

Total ----- 69

Received by congregation
Easter Communion, April 9, 1950.

Of this number- 10 were baptised.

See page 223 Communicants' Class.

April 5, 1950

Minutes continued

It was regularly moved and seconded that all those friends be accepted as indicated above. Carried.

A Prayer of blessing was offered by Mr. Howard Morrill.

Informal intermission to meet new members.

Mr. R. H. Wagner reported for the Music Committee.

It was recommended that Mrs. Brumburgh be retained as Director of Music at the salary of \$ 15.00 per week; accepted and adopted.

It was recommended that the position of organist be held open , the suggested salary \$ 12.00 per week. Advertisements inviting application have appeared and will appear again in local paper.

Mr. Mack made preliminary announcements for tomorrow night's Communion.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Rev. C.C. Berryhill.

J.H. Mifflin, Clerk.

J. H. Mifflin

A brief meeting preceded the Communion Service on Thursday night. It was opened with prayer, and one person appeared asking to be received into membership-

Miss Marie Mitchell- Jefferson Apts. She is included in summary on other side.

The meeting then adjourned to the communion service.

J. H. Mifflin
J.H. Mifflin.

DISMISSALS BEGINNING YEAR 1950

Jan. 10, 1950

Mrs. Violet Carlton- to University Presbyterian , Seattle Wash.

Arthur MacVittie- Falls View Presbyterian, Alloy, W. Virginia

Mrs. Melba Colby- Park Central- Pres. Syracuse, N.Y.

1/18 Mrs. Ruth Drake- Pierce Ave. Presbyterian, City

2/3 Mrs. Geo. Knowles- Epiphany Episcopal- City.

2/9 Mrs. Elizabeth Ritchings- Riverside Pres. City.

2/23 Mr. Leighton Dennis- St. James Methodist, City

2/23 Fred O'Neil, Jr. - Bacon Memorial Presbyterian, City.

3/17 Mrs. Sarah Pickett- Pierce Avenue Presbyterian, City.

3/28 Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hartzog- Riverside Presbyterian- City.

3/28 Mr. Frank Hoak- Prospect St. Presbyterian- Trenton, N.J.

4/6 Miss Edith Jillson- Olivet Presbyterian Church, Utica, N.Y.

TREASURER'S REPORT
APRIL 1, 1950
BENEVOLENT FUND FOR MARCH- 1950.

RECEIPTS-

Cash on hand March 1, 1950 -----	\$ 286.14
Envelopes -----	\$ 564.88
U.S.Bond- Young Legacy -----	18.75
	<u>583.63</u>
	\$ 869.77

DISBURSEMENTS-

Central Receiving Agency -----	\$ 550.00
Cash on hand March 31, 1950 -----	319.77
	<u>\$ 869.77</u>

SUMMARY-

Expected Benevolences in 1950 -----	\$ 10,735.00
Amount received to date -----	2,764.27
	<u>\$ 7,970.73</u>

COMPARISON-

In March 1950- \$ 112.82 less received than in March 1949.

First three months- 1950- 25.7 %
First three months- 1949- 26.7 %

Sacrificial Offering-

Received in March 1950 and sent to Board of Foreign
Missions----- \$ 417.06

Sepcial Fund for Riverside Church-

Received to date ----- 380.00

Jean McLaren, Treasurer.

May 1, 1950

SESSION MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was held on Monday, May 1, at 7:30 P.M.

Present- Moderator, Rev.. Charles C. Berryhill; also Rev. Wallace E. Easter and Elders- A. E. Habgood, W. E. Mack, Dr. Rooker, H. E. Morrill, C. E. Jackson, J. R. Dawson, J. H. Mifflin

Absent- Elders J. Stuart Fleming, P. H. Wagner, Colin Macdonald C. J. Elderfield and Keith Demmon. J. H. Mifflin.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

NIAGARA FALLS COUNCIL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION- It was moved by Mr. Morrill, seconded by Dr. Rooker to approve the payment of \$ 40.00 for 1950 support of Week Day Schools. Carried.

Mr. Easter reported on the Community Ambassador program. It was moved by Mr. Mifflin, seconded by Dr. Rooker that \$ 15.00 be sent in support of this program. Carried. Mr. Easter will take care of details regarding sending check.

EVERY MEMBER ENROLLMENT- Mr. Berryhill proposed a plan for Every Member Enrollment committees, which would include a Director or Chairman plus Finance Committee of Session and Board of Trustees, together with additional members selected by this nucleus. It was moved by A. E. Habgood, seconded by Mr. Mack that the plan be adopted. Carried.

MUSIC COMMITTEE activities were reported by Mr. Morrill.

A motion was made by Dr. Rooker and seconded by Mr. Mack that the payment of congregational meeting expenses be paid. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that banquet tickets for the leaders of Week Day School, Mrs. Pollock, Mrs. Abell and Mrs. McKellips be paid from church funds. Time of banquet May 18.

DISPLACED PERSONS- Report made by Mr. A. E. Habgood. It was moved by Dr. Rooker, seconded by Mr. Mack that the action of committee be approved. Carried.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE- It was moved by Mr. Mack and seconded by Mr. Habgood that we approve the setting up of this committee by the Pastor. Carried.

There being no further business, the meeting closed with prayer by Mr. C. E. Jackson.
Request that

C. E. Jackson

C. E. Jackson, Clerk Pro Tem

ADDITIONAL- It was requested that Mrs. McKellips list the deaths at first meeting of the quarter. Special request for June meeting.

APRIL FINANCE REPORT

RECEIPTS-

Cash on hand April 1, 1950 -----	\$ 319.77
Envelopes -----	\$ 1079.34
Communion Plate -----	105.10
Easter Envelopes -----	137.11
	<u>1321.55</u>
	\$ 1541.32

DISBURSEMENTS-

Budget B- Presbytery Tax second quarter ----	\$ 154.50
To Boards of Church -----	1100.00
	<u>\$ 1254.50</u>
Cash on hand April 30 -----	386.82
	\$ 1641.32

SUMMARY-

Expected Benevolences in 1950 -----	\$ 10,733.00
Amount received to date -----	4,085.82
Amount to be collected -----	<u>\$ 6,649.18</u>

COMPARISON-

In April 1950 received 253.58 more than in 1949.

First four months 1950 ----38%

First four months 1949 ----37%

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING-

Received to April 1 ----- \$ 417.06

Received in April ----- 15.40

Total sent to Board of Foreign

Missions ----- \$ 432.46

SPECIAL FUND FOR RIVERSIDE CHURCH----- \$ 630.00

(Check presented to same April 23, 1950.)

Signed Jean McLaren, Treasurer.

June 4, 1950

SPECIAL MEETING OF SESSION

A special meeting of the Session was called Sunday morning, June 4, following the morning service.

Present- Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill; also Rev. Wallace E. Easter and Elders, H. E. Morrill, A. E. Habgood, C. E. Jackson, Keith Demmon, C. J. Elderfield, J. R. Dawson, J. H. Mifflin, W.E.Mack

Absent- ~~XXXXXX~~ Colin Macdonald, A. M. Rooker, J.F.Fleming and R. H. Wagner

The following persons presented themselves desiring membership in this Church-

By Letter- Miss Phyllis Cockburn, letter from Bacon Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Reaffirmation of Faith- Mr. W. B. Kells
Mrs. W. B. Kells

Confession of Faith- Mr. Howard Cook

It was regularly moved and seconded that the above people be received as noted above. Carried.

Prayer of blessing was given by Mr. H. E. Morrill, and the meeting closed with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

J. H. Mifflin
Clerk.

J. H. Mifflin

DEATHS since January 1, 1950.

Harlan P. Freeman-	March 13, 1950
Walter Greig	March 14, 1950
Lydia Whitney	March 26, 1950
Mrs. Robert Brydges	April 1, 1950
F. W. Scott	March 17, 1950
Robert J. Moore	May 25, 1950
Harold J. Tower	April 21, 1950

June 5, 1950

SESSION MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was held Monday evening, June 5, at 7:30 o'clock.

Present- Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Rev. Wallace E. Easter; Elders A. E. Habgood, W. E. Mack, Keith Demmon, Colin Macdonald, H. E. Morrill, C. E. Jackson, J. R. Dawson, J. H. Mifflin and Dr. A. M. Rooker, C. J. Elderfield

Absent- Elders ~~C. J. Elderfield~~, Stuart Fleming and R. H. Wagner.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved. It follows-

RECEIPTS-

Cash on hand May 1, 1950 -----	\$ 386.82
Envelopes-----	\$ 584.25
Voluntary Trust Fund -----	12.50
	<u>596.75</u>
	\$ 983.57

DISBURSEMENTS-

Community Ambassador Committee -----	\$ 15.00
Church World Service ,Inc.(Transportation for Mrs. Bogis and son) -----	59.00
Petty Cash for expenses Mrs. Bogis & son	50.00
Central Receiving Agency -----	500.00
	<u>\$ 624.00</u>
Cash on hand May 31, 1950 -----	359.57
	\$ 983.57

SUMMARY-

Expected Benevolences in 1950 -----	\$ 10,735.00
Amount received to date -----	4,682.57
	<u>\$ 6,052.43</u>

COMPARISON-

In May 1950 received \$ 135.28 less than in May 1949
(May 1949 had five Sundays)
First five months 1950 - 43.6 %
" " " 1949 - 44 %

Jean McLaren, Treasurer.

Mr. Colin Macdonald was announced as Director of the Every Member Enrollment. (Conflict of date with Community Chest Campaign)

PASTOR'S FUND- Expenditures \$ 15.00, receipts None; Balance \$ 239.78.

VACATIONS- It consideration of her 25 years service, it was regularly moved and seconded that Mrs. McKellips be granted four weeks vacation each year. Passed. She will take 3 weeks , 24th June and one in the month of August.

THE MUSIC COMMITTEE recommended that Mrs. Katharine Endres be retained as regular organist at the rate of \$ 12.00 per week, as previously determined. It was regularly moved and seconded that Mrs. Endres be retained as permanent organist at the salary noted above. Passed.

MINUTES, continued.

DUFFIELD PROJECT- The Presbytery is being notified that we will agree to pay the balance (approximately \$ 900.00) on the Duffield Project by the end of 1951.

JANEWAY MEMORIAL- The question of our participation in the Janeway Memorial Fund for Duffield Camp was laid on the table for further discussion at our next meeting.

Rev. W. Easter reported that a number of young people larger than last year, will participate at Camp Duffield this summer.

The Adult Bible Class send a small contribution to the Winnipeg Flood Relief through the Presbyterian Church in that area.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the program of sports activities be under the supervision and guidance of the committee on Sunday School and Youth activities. Passed.

LAYMEN'S ASSOCIATION- The following officers were reported for the Laymen's Association for the coming year- President, Neal Johnson; Vice President, John Edwards; Secretary-Treasurer, Bruce Macdonald.

Communion Sunday was set for June 25, and Preparatory Service June 23.

Plans were discussed for Family Night for next winter.

The Pastor suggested a Planning Conference on September 10, similar to last year's program, to discuss the program for the Fall and Winter seasons, with supper and program - the committee to be appointed by the Pastor. Passed.

It was suggested that we consider a men's week end meeting to discuss religious matters, similar to that practiced by several other religious faiths.

DISPLACED PERSONS- Mr. Habgood reported on the Displaced Persons, that we have placed them in a home, have placed Mrs. Bogis as a Nurse's aid at Memorial Hospital at \$ 100.00 per month, and that she likes her work and is liked by the hospital. After considerable discussion, it was decided to leave the question of taking a collection for the displaced persons fund for a later date.

It was regularly moved and seconded that Colin Macdonald be the representative of the Session at the Presbytery meeting at Springville on Tuesday, June 13th. Passed. Walter Mack was nominated as alternate. Approved.

It was suggested that the Session meet with the Trustees on Wednesday evening, June 14, for not over one half hour to discuss the subject stained glass windows for the church. All concurred.

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MINUTES, continued.

It was suggested that the committee on bequests consider what should be done to develop interest in that matter, and that a "project" program should be brought to the attention of prospective donors.

It was regularly moved and seconded that meetings of the Session be dispersed with during July and August unless called at the discretion of the Pastor. Passed.

The meeting closed with prayer by the Pastor.

J. H. Mifflin
J.H. Mifflin, Clerk.

DISMISSALS-

May 13- Mrs. Eva Wolf- to University Presbyterian Church-Seattle, Wash.

June 12- Geo. W. Soutendam- to 1st Presbyterian, San Benito, Texas.

June 12- Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ammons- to City Temple Presbyterian
Dallas, Texas

June 16- Mr. and Mrs. John Giroux- to United Church, Verdun, Canada.

DEATHS-

May 25- Robert J. Moore

June 12- Arleigh Z. Bacon

June 23, 1950.

SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was held on Friday evening, following the Preparatory Service to receive new members.

Mrs. H. C. Parkman asked for membership in the church and was received on Confession of Faith.

The Session went on record as approving the the Every Home Plan for Presbyterian Life and asked for favorable consideration by the Trustees.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

J. H. Mifflin
J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

June 25, 1950.

SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting was called Sunday preceding the Communion Service.

Present- Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill, Elders Keith Demmon, Dr. A. M. Rooker, J. R. Dawson, R. H. Wagner, J. H. Mifflin, W. E. Mack, C. J. Elderfield, H. E. Morrill, and C. E. Jackson.

Absent- A. E. Habgood, C. Macdonald, J. Fleming,

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Pastor.

The following persons were received into the membership of the Church-

Mr. Edward R. Meng- 442 13th St. Letter from 1st Methodist Church
Millvale, Pa.

Mrs. Edward R. Meng (Anne Goodwin)- Letter from 1st Methodist Church
Clarksburg, Pa.

Mr. Virgil H. Wells- 622 Buffalo Ave.- Letter from 1st Methodist
Church, Clarksville, West Va.

Mrs. Virgil H. Wells (Mary Stuart) Letter from 1st Methodist
Church, Clarksville, West Va.

The above were upon motion, duly received, and a prayer of blessing was given by the Pastor.

The matter of recommending to the Trustees that we sponsor the "Every Home" plan for the Presbyterian Life was presented briefly by the Clerk. The plan was approved.

The meeting then adjourned to the Communion Service.

J. H. Mifflin J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

July 2, 1950.

SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Session was held July 5, 1950.
 Present- Moderator, Rec. Charles C. Berryhill and Elders C. J. Elderfield, Dr. A. M. Rooker, Colin Macdonald, Keith Demmon, Walter Mack and J. H. Mifflin.

Absent- Elders A. E. Habgood, H. E. Morrill, C.E. Jackson, J.R. Dawson, J. S. Fleming and R.H. Wagner.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

It was recommended that the matter of proper recognition of Mrs. Gray's services as Superintendent of the Kindergarten Department be referred to the Committee on Sunday School and Youth Activities, with the Christian Education Committee of the Church, to secure a suitable successor and to devise suitable recognition of Mrs. Gray's extended services. Passed.

The next step will be taken at the initiative of the Christian Education Committee to take whatever steps are deemed necessary.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

J. H. Mifflin
 J. H. Mifflin
 Clerk.

SUMMARY OF NEW MEMBERS FOR JUNE 25, 1950

BY CONFESSION
 BY LETTER

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DISMISSALS-

Mrs. Dorothy Salterelli (Nee Dorothy Reach)- to Central Park Methodist Church, Buffalo, N.Y.

Shirley May Brown Shallow- to Riverside Presbyterian Church
 Niagara Falls, N.Y.

September 5, 1950

SESSION MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was held Tuesday evening, September 5, at 7:30 o'clock.

PRESENT- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill; also Rev. Wallace E. Easter and Elders A. E. Habgood, C. J. Elderfield, Keith Demmon, W. E. Mack, H. E. Morrill, J. R. Dawson, J. H. Mifflin, R. H. Wagner and C. E. Jackson.

ABSENT- Elders Colin Macdonald, Dr. A. M. Rooker and J. Stuart Fleming.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

Minutes of previous meetings were read and approved.

The question of just how we would participate in the Mrs. Janeway Memorial Fund at Camp Duffield will be reported on more fully at the October meeting.

A week end religious conference could be held at Camp Duffield September 30.

Report of the Treasurer was read and approved, as follows-

RECEIPTS-

Cash on hand June 1, 1950	-----	\$ 359.57
Envelopes	-----	\$ 1917.88
Communion Plate	-----	42.97
Special gifts for D.P.	-----	40.00
From Mrs. Bogis	-----	2000.85
Refund on transportation for Mrs. Bogis	-----	60.00
	-----	10.36
	-----	<u>\$2430.78</u>

DISBURSEMENTS-

Central Receiving Agency	-----	1500.00
Presbytery Tax- third quarter	-----	193.50
Extra Budget A	-----	39.00
Budget B	-----	154.50
Gift to New York State Council of Churches	-----	387.00
Gift to Auburn Theological Seminary	-----	20.00
Westminster Foundation of Penn State College	-----	50.00
Rent for apartment for Mrs. Bogis	-----	50.00
Petty Cash for D.P. expenses	-----	200.00
	-----	25.00
	-----	<u>\$ 2232.00</u>

Cash on hand Aug. 31, 1950	-----	198.78
	-----	<u>\$ 2430.78</u>

SUMMARY- Expected benevolences in 1950

Amount received to date	-----	10,735.00
Amount to be collected	-----	6,683.42
	-----	<u>4,051.58</u>

COMPARISON- 1st 8 months in 1950 received 62.2%
1st 8 months in 1949 received 61.3%

SUMMARY OF:

Displaced Person's expenses which have been paid from Church Funds and Gifts-

Transportation-Church World Service, Inc.	-----	48.64
Petty Cash for miscellaneous expenses	-----	75.00
Rent	-----	140.00
	-----	<u>263.64</u>

Total -----
Mrs. Bogis has paid \$ 100.00 toward rent of apartment.

Mr. Morrill was asked to bring in a tentative budget for the Benevolent Fund at the October meeting. Mr. Demmon brought up the question of providing uniforms for church athletic teams, and otherwise directing the athletic program of the church.

The Congregational meeting to approve the budgets for 1951 was set as October 18, 1950.

It was regularly moved and seconded that Mr. W. J. Campbell be selected as Youth Budget Director for 1950 and that he be thanked for his services in this capacity, for the year.

Plans for developing choral singing groups to participate in Church services more frequently would be prosecuted in visitation with the music director. It was regularly moved and seconded that the music committee be instructed to report on the formation of a Junior Choir at the next meeting. Carried.

Mr. Easter reported on the Youth Activities of the past summer season - the young people's representation at the Youth conferences. Mr. Jackson reported further on activities at Camp Duffield.

It is understood that a representative of the young people will make a report to the church on September 24th, under the tutelage of Mr. Easter.

Mr. Elderfield suggested that we get the young people to take up some specific sponsorship of relief to some very specific area in the world.

Mr. Demmon reported that the Laymen's Association planned to work more closely with the National Association of Presbyterian men, and to try to bring in two outstanding speakers from our National membership.

Rev. Berryhill suggested that a Parish Group visitation should be held during the month of October.

Several suggestions were made for the ushers.

The Planning Conference will be held Sunday, September 10, and the Session will be represented.

The Laymen's Association has been asked to take over the last Sunday in February.

Church Family Night will continue this year starting the second Wednesday in January, and continuing monthly through May. This was moved, seconded and passed.

It was regularly moved and seconded that Wednesday evening meetings be held through the winter at the discretion of the Pastor, or at the direction of the Session.

Plans were discussed to have the Church Boards represented in our pulpit during the winter, with conferences with these men during the afternoon of the same day.

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Holy Week Noon Day Services for the ensuing year were approved.

The Annual Congregational Party late in April was approved.

All of the above suggestions were duly approved.

The Baptismal Font will be dedicated Sunday, September 17th.

Alva Shero, Jr., requested that his name be dropped from the church roll of our Church as he is a member of another church in Los Angeles, California. Approved.

Presbytery meeting will be held at North Church on September 19, Buffalo. C. J. Elderfield has been nominated as Commissioner and Walter E. Mack as alternate to this meeting. Approved.

The meeting was closed with prayer by C. J. Elderfield.

J. H. Miffelin
J. H. Miffelin, Clerk.

APPROVED
The Presbytery of Buffalo-Niagara
James M. Laine Moderator
Date SEPT. 19, 1950.

September 29, 1950.

SESSION MEETING

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church met Friday, September 29, immediately following Preparatory Service.

Present- Moderator, C. C. Berryhill; also Rev. Wallace E. Easter and Elders A. E. Habgood, C. J. Elderfield, W. E. Mack, J. R. Dawson, and J. H. Mifflin.

Absent- Elders Keith Demmon, Colin Macdonald, A. M. Rooker, C. E. Jackson, J. Stuart Fleming, R. H. Wagner.

The following persons presented themselves, desiring membership.

BY LETTER-

Mrs. Harold Guthrie- First Methodist Church- Reynoldsville, Pa.
 Mr. Harold Guthrie- Baptist Church of Punxsutawney, Pa.
 Mrs. Lester A. Losell, Jr.- First Presbyterian- Lewiston, N.Y.
 Mr. Lester A. Losell, Jr. Niagara United Presbyterian Church,
 Niagara Falls, N.Y.

BAPTISM-

Mr. Herbert Fisher, Sr. - 437 Tenth St.
 Mr. Herbert Fisher, Jr. " " "

Upon motion, the above were duly admitted into membership of the church.

A Prayer of benediction was given by Mr. C. J. Elderfield.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

J. H. Mifflin
 J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

DISMISSALS-

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Yeager- to Batavia, Ill. 1st Methodist Church.

DEATHS- Dollie Keith
 Mrs. Albert Butler

October 2, 1950

REGULAR SESSION MEETING

The regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was held on Monday evening, October 2, at 7:30 P.M.

Present:- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Elders A. E. Habgood, C. J. Elderfield, W. E. Mack, Colin Macdonald, Dr. A. M. Rooker, C. E. Jackson, J. R. Dawson, J. S. Fleming, J. H. Mifflin, R.H. Wagner.

Absent- Keith Demmon.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Financial report on Church benevolences was read and approved as follows-

RECEIPTS- Cash on hand Sept. 1, 1950 -----	\$ 198.78
Envelopes-----	\$ 690.82
U. S. Savings Bond- Young Leg'y 18.75 -----	709.57
From Mrs. Bogis -----	40.00
	<u>\$ 948.35</u>

Youth Budget Benevolences -----	303.38
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DISBURSEMENTS-	<u>\$1251.73</u>
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To Boards of Church-	
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Church -----	\$ 600.00
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Youth Budget -----	\$ 303.38
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Rent for Apartment- Mrs. Bogis -----	60.00
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	<u>\$ 963.38</u>
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Cash on hand September 30, 1950 -----	288.35
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	<u>\$ 1251.73</u>
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Note- \$ 1200.00 of the money sent to the Boards of the church have been expecially designated for Rev. David H. Thomas.

SUMMARY- Expected Benevolences in 1950 -----	\$ 10,735.00
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Amount received to date -----	7,696.37
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(Including Youth Budget)

Amount to be collected -----	<u>\$ 3,038.63</u>
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COMPARISON-

In Sept. 1950- received including Youth Budget

\$ 220.09 more than in Sept. 1949.

First nine months receipts- 1950 -	71.6 %
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First nine months receipts- 1949 -	69 %
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Jean McLaren, Treasurer.

Colin Macdonald reported briefly on the organization of the Every Member Enrollment for 1951. Mr. Campbell will again accept the responsibility of Youth Budget Director this year .

The feeling is rather universal among the Session membership that greater participation by the Youth Group in the music of the church would be a worth while movement in our church.

Rev. Easter presented Mr. Demmon's view that a sum of \$ 200.00 be set aside in items controlled by the Session for the athletic program

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of the church teams. It is recommended that the item now included in the church budget under items controlled by the Trustees be transferred to the Session and be entitled "Youth Program" and be broken down as follows:-

- 1- Adult Leadership Training
- 2- Youth Conference
- 3- Junior Age Church Program
- 4- Athletic Program

It was regularly moved and seconded that the athletic program be sponsored to the extent of \$ 150.00 for the ensuing year. **Passed.**

The Communion Committee was commended for the excellent service of yesterday's World Wide Communion Service.

The New Life Advance Movement will be headed up by the Committee on Evangelism and Membership and the larger New Life Committee which had functioned for the past three years should be used for stand-by service only, their normal service period having expired.

Preachers Coaching Conference will be held December 4 at Rochester, New York. It was voted that the \$ 20.00 required for travel equalization for this conference by the two ministers be provided, as requested. **Passed.**

A new form of worship was proposed by the Pastor. The proposal was duly approved by formal motion.

Presbytery Meeting will be held October 17, at Riverside Church, this city. Mr. C. J. Elderfield was elected as commissioner with Mr. Ralph Wagner as alternate.

The matter of proper illumination of the Gassler Memorial window in the church was again referred to the Trustees for favorable action.

The Session favors the use of the church by a Cub Pack in this area if a night can be worked out for them.

The Session requests the renewal of the Charter by the Boy Scouts for the ensuing year.

Harold Scott, Hugh Ewart, Robert Beckett and those serving last year will be requested to serve on the Scout Committee for the ensuing year.

Mr. Jewett will be asked to serve for another year as Institutional Representative on the Boy Scout Council.

Items under direction of Session

The Benevolent Budget totaling \$ 28,228.00 was approved composed of -	Operating items approved by Session-----	16698.00	
Benevolent Fund -----		11530.00	28228.00

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Ralph Wagner.

J. H. Millin

J. H. Millin, Clerk.

OCTOBER 18, 1950

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Congregational meeting for the purpose of adopting the budgets for 1951 was held on October 18, at 7:30 P.M.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Charles C. Berryhill.

Nominations for Chairman of meeting - Mr. A. J. Gailey was unanimously approved.

Operating Fund, items controlled by the Trustees were first presented by Mr. John Mollison, chairman of the Trustees Finance Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Colin Macdonald, seconded by Mrs. Robert Nicol that page 1 of the budget, operating items controlled by the Trustees, be approved. Passed.

Operating Fund, items controlled by the Session, were presented by Mr. Morrill, Chairman of the Finance Committee of Session for discussion.

Mr. Demmon moved, seconded by Mr. Marshall that page 2 of the budget, Operating Items controlled by the Session, be approved. Carried.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the sum of \$ 50.00 be restored to the 1951 budget for the ensuing year. Motion made by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Mack. Carried.

It was moved by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Allen that the Benevolent Fund budget be approved, with the item for Park College restored. Carried.

Rev. C. C. Berryhill presented the proposed Youth Budget.

It was moved by Mr. Demmon, seconded by Mr. Marshall, that the proposed Youth Budget be approved. Carried.

Mr. Macdonald spoke briefly on the coming financial campaign.

It was moved by Mr. Elderfield, seconded by Mr. Marshall that the action taken at the joint boards is approving the securing of Social Security benefits by all salaried employees, be approved.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. W.E. Easter.

J. H. Mifflin

J.H. Mifflin, Clerk.

Note- Please see minutes of Joint Board Meeting- on page 242.

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JOINT MEETING- SESSION AND BOARD OF
TRUSTEES.

A Joint meeting of the Session and Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church was held to approve the budgets for the ensuing year.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. C. C. Berryhill
Session-

Present:- Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill, Elders W. E. Mack, J. H. Mifflin, J. R. Dawson, Colin Macdonald, H. E. Morrill, Keith Demmon, C. J. Elderfield and A. E. Habgood.

TRUSTEES- Mrs. Pritchard, John Mollison, Andrew Gailey, Dwight Allen, W. R. Smith and Mrs. Nicol.

Mr. Mollison presented the proposed budget on items controlled by the Trustees.

It was regularly moved and seconded that a joint committee of Session and Trustees be appointed to review the duties of the Treasurer and report later.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the salary of the Secretary be increased by \$ 20.00 instead of \$ 100.00 as at present proposed. Carried unanimously.

It was regularly moved and seconded that page 1 and 2 of proposed budget, items controlled by the Session, be approved. Carried.

It was regularly moved and seconded that page 3 of proposed budget benevolent items controlled by the Session be approved. Carried.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the employees of the Church, salaried, exclusive of ministers, be placed under Social Security if they so desire and qualify. Passed.

It is the desire of the joint boards that this matter be referred to the congregation for their approval.

The Youth Budget was approved as presented, on motion duly moved, seconded and carried.

J. H. Mifflin
J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

October 30, 1950.

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING

A special meeting of the Session was called by Rev. C. C. Berryhill, Moderator, Monday evening, October 30, at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of acting on the desire of Rev. Wallace E. Easter to be relieved of his responsibilities here to accept the Pastorship of the Bethel Presbyterian Church of Lackawanna, New York as of December 1, 1950.

PRESENT- Rev. C. C. Berryhill, Moderator; also Rev. W.E. Easter and Elders W. E. Mack, Keith Demmon, Colin Macdonald, Dr. A. M. Rooker, C. E. Jackson, J. R. Dawson and J. H. Mifflin.

ABSENT- Elders A. E. Habgood, C. J. Elderfield, H. E. Morrill, J.S. Fleming and R. H. Wagner.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

Mr. Easter arrived after we had been informed of the purpose of the meeting, and presented his request personally for release from his duties here. His church there has a listed membership of 509 members.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the request of Mr. Easter for release from his duties here be approved, to accept the pastorate of the Bethel Presbyterian Church at Lackawanna, New York, effective December 1, 1950. Approved.

It was regularly moved and seconded that a resolution expressing our appreciation be drawn up by a committee of three, and that this motion appear in the bulletin of the Church, and be spread on the minutes of the Session. Approved. Messrs. Mifflin, Rooker and Mack were appointed to this Committee.

The Pulpit Committee will start at once to attempt to secure a new Assistant Pastor to replace Mr. Easter.

Mr. Demmon reported briefly on the meeting of the Laymen's Association to be held Monday, November 6, with Lem Jones, National President of the Presbyterian Men's Association, speaker, with a meeting with members of other area churches at 5:00 P.M. on the same date.

Church Family Nights will start in January and continue through May.

Mr. Dawson reported on the present status of Mrs. Bogis and her son.

It was regularly moved and seconded that a farewell party be planned for Mr. and Mrs. Easter the latter part of November and that it be left in the hands of the Young People's Committee of Session to carry this out.

The new order of service was discussed briefly. It was suggested that the ushers come forward somewhat later with the collection, arriving at the altar about as the doxology is completed.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mr. Macdonald.

J. H. Mifflin

Clerk of Session.

November 5, 1950.

SESSION MINUTES

The Session met following the service Sunday morning, November 5, 1950.

Present- Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Rev. Wallace E. Easter; Elders A. E. Habgood, C. J. Elderfield, W. E. Mack, Keith Demmon, Colin Macdonald, Dr. A. M. Rooker, H. E. Morrill, C. E. Jackson, J. R. Dawson, J. F. Fleming, John Mifflin.

Absent- R. H. Wagner

Prayer- at church service.

The following persons presented themselves desiring membership-

LETTER FROM

BY LETTER- Mrs. Geraldine Joy First Methodist Church-
Marshall Earle Baker Chevy Chase Presbyterian- Washington, D.C.
Mrs. Marshall Earle Baker-Congregational- Needham, Mass.
Mr. Charles Hanson- 1st Congregational- Moline, Ill.
Mrs. Charles Hanson- Presbyterian Church- Rock Island, Ill.
Mr. David Sterrett- Presbyterian Church, Lewistown, Pa.
Mrs. David Sterrett- 1st Methodist, Lewistown, Pa.
Miss Marion Boyce- Fredonia Baptist Church- Fredonia, N.Y.
Mrs. Ruth Tarczynski- Westminster Presbyterian- New Orleans, La.

BY CONFESSION OR REAFFIRMATION-

Mr. Freeman Tamraz- 4862 Terrace Dr.
Mrs. Freeman Tamraz " " "
Mr. Gerald Joy- 215 Second St.
Mrs. Wilma Elliott- 633- 27th St.
Mrs. John MacLaren- 2214 Independence Ave.
Mrs. Phyllis Noonan- 3338 B St.

BAPTISM- Cecil E. Peers- 1122 Ferry Ave.

Summary- Letter 9

Confession 6

Baptism 1

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It was regularly moved and seconded that all, as indicated above be accepted into membership of our church. Passed.

Prayer of blessing by Mr. H. E. Morrill.

The Benevolence report was presented to be included in the minutes of this meeting- as follows

SESSION-MINUTES CONTINUED
November 5, 1950.

BENEVOLENT FUND- TREASURER'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1950

RECEIPTS-

Cash on hand October 1, 1950	-----	\$ 288.35
Envelopes	-----	\$ 1154.10
Communion Plate	-----	75.20
		1229.30
From Youth Budget	-----	20.00
From Mrs. Bogis for rent	-----	40.00
		<u>\$1577.65</u>

DISBURSEMENTS-

Presbytery Tax- Fourth Quarter		
Budget A.	-----	\$ 193.50
Budget B- Church	-----	134.50
Youth Budget	-----	20.00
		348.00
To Boards of Church	-----	800.00
Rent for Apartment- Mrs. Bogis	-----	60.00
		<u>1208.00</u>
Cash on hand October 31, 1950	-----	369.65
		<u>\$ 1577.65</u>

SUMMARY-

Expected Benevolences in 1950	-----	\$ 10,735.00
Amount received to date	-----	8,945.67
(including Youth Budget)		
Amount to be collected	-----	\$ 1,789.33

COMPARISON-

In October 1950 received (including Youth Budget)	\$ 332.55 less
than in 1949.	
First Ten months receipts- 1950	-----83.3%
First Ten Months receipts- 1949	-----84.2%

Jean McLaren, Treasurer.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill

J. H. Miffilin
J. H. Miffilin, Clerk.

DISMISSALS - since Oct. 9

Mrs. Colen Wyatt (Virginia Steinel)- 1st Pres. Trumansburg, N.Y.
Patricia & Marilyn Westbrook- Pres. Church- Addison, N.Y.
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wright- United Pres. Church, City.
Mrs. Chester E. Jenney- 1st Pres. Church, Buffalo, N.Y.
Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Baldwin- Orinda Community Church- Orinda, Cal.
Mrs. Kenneth Raymond (Dorothy Nye)- St. James Methodist- City.
Mr. and Mrs. John Francis- Riverside Pres. Church, City.
Mr. and Mrs. Horace Shoenberger- Riverside Pres. Church, City.
James H. Park, Jr.- 1st Methodist Church, City.
Mrs. Warren Seward- Pierce Avenue Presbyterian Church, City.

DEATHS

Mrs. John Dobbie- November 1950.

SPECIAL MEETING- NOVEMBER 26, 1950.

A special meeting of the Session was called after the church service Sunday, November 26, 1950.

Present- Moderator Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Elders C. J. Elderfield, W. E. Mack, H. E. Morrill, Dr. A.M.Rooker, R.H.Wagner, Stuart Fleming and A. E. Habgood.

Absent- Elders J. R. Dawson, J. H. Mifflin, Keith Demmon, C. E. Jackson and Colin Macdonald.

A letter from Presbytery was referred to the Finance Committee through Mr. Habgood for recommendation.

A motion was made and seconded and passed that Albert E. Habgood represent the Session at Presbytery Tuesday, November 28, 1950.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.



W. E. Mack, Clerk, Pro Tem.

DISMISSALS-

Mrs. Charles Rushton to- First Methodist Church- City 11/27

Miss Hazel Smith- to Bacon Memorial Church, City- 11/30/

December 1, 1950.

SESSION MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was held following the Preparatory Service December 1, 1950.

Present- Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Elders A. E. Habgood, C. J. Elderfield, W. E. Mack, Colin Macdonald, Dr. A. M. Rooker, H. E. Morrill, J. Stuart Fleming, John Mifflin and R. H. Wagner.

Absent- J. R. Dawson, Keith Demmon and C. E. Jackson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved- It follows-

RECEIPTS- Cash on hand Nov. 1, 1950 -----	369.65
Envelopes -----	\$ 709.10
Volunteer Trust Fund -----	10.75
From Mrs. Bogis- rent -----	40.00
	1129.50
DISBURSEMENTS-	
To Boards of Church -----	700.00
Rent for apartment- Mrs. Bogis -----	60.00
Cash on hand November 30, 1950 -----	369.50
	1129.50

SUMMARY-

Expected Benevolences in 1950 -----	\$ 10,735.00
Amount received to date- including Y.Bud.)	9,665.52
Amount to be collected	\$ 1,069.48

COMPARISON-

In November 1950 received	less than in November 1949
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FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS- receipts- 1950 -	90%
" " " " 1949 -	91%

Note- Our church share to General Assembly

Approved Benevolences is \$	9000.00
As of Nov. 30, amt.pd.	8471.38
Amount still due -----	528.62

Jean McLaren, Treasurer.

The Pulpit Committee reported that nine different letters have gone out to prospective candidates for assistant minister and the minister will take the initiative for finding such a man.

It was regularly moved, seconded and passed that the pastor be permitted to spend up to \$ 25.00 per week for assistance, for Mr. Berryhill until we have a new assistant.

It was regularly moved, seconded and passed that the informal action taken ~~give~~ ^{salary} Mr. Easter the sum of \$ 287.50 as ~~equivalent of 1 month's~~ token of appreciation for his services during the past three and one half years be approved.

Mr. Macdonald reported between \$ 30,000 and \$ 35,000 pledges so far for 1951 with about 150 cards still to be heard from.

Dr. Rooker moved and Mr. Morrill seconded that we contribute \$ 25.00 to the church work at University of Buffalo. Carried.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Treasurer be instructed to pay over all monies in the benevolent fund budget in excess of a minimum sum of \$ 200.00 to the Boards and Agencies of the Church at the end of the fiscal year.

It was regularly moved and seconded and passed that the music committee be permitted to expend up to \$ 300.00 to secure a directress, preferably Mrs. Proctor Martin, to direct the Junior Choir.

Jerome
Mr. Parenteau was accepted into membership on reaffirmation of faith .

The list of nominees for Sunday School (included below) was approved as presented.

KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT- Supt. Mrs. F. W. Gray
1st Asst.- Mrs. B. E. Field
2nd Asst.- Mrs. Burt A. Stone
Sec.- Mrs. John Bullock
Pianist- Mrs. Forrest Barter
NURSERY DEPARTMENT- Supt.- Mrs. John Naill
Asst. Supt- Mrs. Melvin Meteer

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT- Supt.- ?
1st Asst. Supt. ?
2nd Asst.- ?
Secretary- Mrs. Wm. Watson
Pianist- Mrs. Bernard Schaffer
JUNIOR DEPARTMENT- Supt.- Russell Look
1st Asst- Mrs. H. A. Schwennesen
2nd Asst.- Mrs. H. A. Norton
Sec. & Pianist- Douglas Moss

YOUTH AND ADULT- Supt.- John B. Edwards
Asst. Supt- Burton Buck
Sec. William Campbell
Rec. Sect.- Mrs. H. A. Norton.

In nominating these officers the policy of rotation after a two year term was followed as closely as feasible. Each officer must be approved by Session each year. Two years constitutes the full length of service in one position. The selection of teachers is subject to the approval of the Christian Education Committee.

SESSION MINUTES- Dec. 1, con.

The Christian Education Chairmanship will be assumed by Rev. C. C. Berryhill for the present.

The first Family Night will be held Wednesday, January 17, with the Committee on Special and Week Day Events in charge.

Pastor's Fund now has approximately \$ 200.00.

The Annual Congragational Meeting will be held January 29, 1951.

Mr. Macdonald moved, Mr. Habgood seconded that \$ 100.00 be appropriated to place a large Christmas sign above the tower entrance doors. Carried.

It was moved by Mr. Habgood, seconded by Mr. Elderfield that there be placed in the church calendar an invitation for people to make special gifts to the church and a list of particular needs accompany the invitation. Carried.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Mr. Berryhill.

J. H. Mifflin
J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

December 3, 1950.

The Session met preceding the Communion Service on December 3, 1950. Present- Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Elders A. M. Rooker, A. E. Habgood, C. E. Jackson, Stuart Fleming, R.H. Wagner and Keith Demmon, and Clerk, J. H. Mifflin.

Absent- Elders, W.E. Mack, C.J. Elderfield, Colin Macdonald, H. Morrill, J. Dawson. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

The following were present desiring membership-

By Confession of Faith- Mr. James H. Elliott

Mr. Willis Westgate

They were received upon motion duly made seconded and carried.

The Session then adjourned to the Communion Service.

J. H. Mifflin
J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

DISMISSALS-

Mrs. Jack Brundage- to Bacon Memorial, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Mrs. Jean George - to Bacon Memorial, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Mrs. Rita Bartlett- to Riverside Presbyterian- Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. K'Burg to Presbyterian Church-Wilmington, Del.

Mrs. Wallace E. Easter- to Bethel Pres. Lackawanna, N.Y.

Margaret Wolf- to University Pres. Church- Seattle, Wash.

COMMUNION ATTENDANCE RECORD for 1950

March 5, 1950- 80 men took communion at a breakfast.
 April 6 430 took communion at a regular service.
 June 25 267 took communion at a regular service.
 October 1 402 took communion at a regular service.
 December 3 384 took communion at a regular service.
 1563 took communion during the year 1950.

W E Mack
 W. E. Mack

RESOLUTIONS RE MR. EASTER.

The following words of appreciation were prepared by a committee of Session for the church record.

"In recognition of the very real contribution towards the well rounded development of our entire church program, with special emphasis on that part of the program dealing with youth activities, we desire to express to Rev. and Mrs. Wallace E. Easter our sincere gratitude, and with feelings of regret at their leaving and joy for them in their enlarged field of Christian responsibilities to which they go, we conclude this sincere tribute."

J. H. Mifflin, Clerk of Session.
 A. M. Rooker
 Walter Mack.

January 3, 1951.

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church held its regular meeting on Wednesday evening, January 3, at 7:30 P.M.

Present- Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Elders A. E. Habgood, C. J. Elderfield, W. E. Mack, Colin Macdonald, H. E. Morrill, C.E. Jackson R. H. Wagner, Dr. Rooker, J. R. Dawson and Keith Demmon.

Absent:- Stuart Fleming and J. H. Mifflin.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

The minutes of the December 1 meeting were read and approved with following corrections:- Delete word "clerical" from paragraph re temporary assistance for Mr. Berryhill. (2) Change wording of paragraph re Mr. Easter to read "give to Mr. Easter the equivalent of one month's salary ..." (3) Add resolution in bulletin re Mr. Easter. (See page 250) 2nd item.

December 3 minutes were read, approved with following correction- "Add names of cities and states to names of persons transferred to other churches."

The report of the Treasurer was read and accepted. It follows-

RECEIPTS- Cash on hand December 1, 1950	-----	\$ 369.50
Envelopes	-----	\$ 1143.69
Communion Plate	-----	61.45
For Displaced Persons	-----	5.30
From Mrs. Bogis	-----	1210.44
	-----	40.00
	-----	\$ 1619.94
Youth Budget Benevolences	-----	253.26
	-----	\$ 1873.20
DISBURSEMENTS-		
Gifts to- Park College	-----	\$ 50.00
Buffalo Council of Churches (Student Pastor work at U.B.)	-----	25.00
World Council of Churches	-----	25.00
To the Boards of the Church-		
Church	-----	\$ 1259.94
Youth Budget	-----	253.26
	-----	1513.20
Rent for apartment- Mrs. Bogis	-----	60.00
	-----	\$ 1673.20
SUMMARY-		
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1950	-----	200.00
Expected Benevolences in 1950	-----	1873.20
Received to date (including Y.B.)	-----	\$ 10,735.00
Y.B. Budget Tax Budget B	-----	11,129.22
	-----	30.00
	-----	\$ 11,159.22
Amount exceeding budget	-----	\$ 424.22

COMPARISON-

In December 1950- received-----\$ 540.97 more than in Dec. 1949.

TWELVE MONTHS RECEIPTS- 1950 - 103.9 %

1949- 100.6 %

Statement of Giving to General Assembly approved Benevolences for 1950.

Church's Share ----- \$ 9000.00

Total Amounts to Boards- Church-----8809.94 (Does not include Pres. tax.)
Youth Budget----- 536.64
9366.58

The following committees reported-

1-Pulpit- The search for an assistant minister has progressed to the point where Mr. Berryhill expects to interview two men who may become interested. As yet, not temporary assistance has been secured.

Mr. Berryhill reported that he had interviewed Dr. Carter Swain from Western Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, relative to talking to our people on Seminary Sunday, January 14, and had invited him to come. It was regularly moved and carried that we approve the invitation and that \$ 45.00 be given Dr. Swain as honorarium.

2- <u>Finance</u> -	Pastor's Fund -----	\$120.55
	Spent since July 1, 1950 -----	\$126.55
	Income since July 1, 1950 - -----	163.00
	Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1951 -----	276.23

Mr. Berryhill recommended that we participate in One Great Time of Sharing from February 7 to March 11. This was approved.

3- Music- Mr. Morrill reported that Mrs. Proctor Martin had been secured to direct a Junior Choir at a salary of \$ 8.00 per week.

4- General Discussion

4- Sunday School and Young People- General Discussion

5- Adult Program- Laymen's Association to send a delegate to the meeting in Chicago February 2 to 4.

Officers of the Laymen's Association to carry on a quiet campaign to increase church attendance.

6- Communion- The 1950 committee will care for the preparation of communion February 7, 1951.

7- Special and Week Day - Mr. Macdonald reported arrangements for the Family Night January 17 about complete.

8- Evangelism- Mr. Berryhill reported that the usual classes and meetings are to be held before Easter.

9- Ushers - General discussion re Elders at both doors before and after church service.

It was regularly moved and seconded and carried that the Session underwrite any deficit for Family Nights.

The matter of having more First Aid Equipment was brought up and referred to Mr. John Mifflin, chairman of Ushers' Committee.

The Finance Enrollment Director, Mr. Macdonald, reported the following amounts of pledges-

Operating Fund-----	\$ 24,366.80
Benevolent Fund -----	10,220.40
Total -----	\$ 34,587.20

SESSION MINUTES- Jan. 3, con.

Expect to realize from pledges still to come-

Operating Fund -----	\$ 2,796.00
Benevolent Fund -----	687.80
Total -----	<u>3,483.80</u>

It was moved by Mr. Demmon, seconded by Mr. Morrill that the thanks of the Session be extended to Mr. Macdonald for his excellent work as Finance Director. Carried with applause.

The matter of placing Bibles in the pews was discussed, but no action taken.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Mr. Joseph Dawson.

W E Mack

W. E. Mack, Clerk Pro Tem.

JANUARY 14, 1951

SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Session was called Sunday morning, preceding the church service.

Present- Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Elders A. E. Haggood, J. R. Dawson, Stuart Fleming, W. E. Mack, C. E. Jackson, Keith Demmon, C. J. Elderfield, R. H. Wagner, J. H. Mifflin and A. M. Rooker.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C.C.Berryhill.

He then explained the necessary steps to be taken under care of Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry, until one is licensed to preach and later ordained as a minister of our Church.

Philip Fletcher, a candidate to be taken under care, then spoke on why he felt that he should become a minister. His teacher, Dr. Gabeline asked that he reconsider his previous decision not to join the ministry. He has finally reached his decision that he wants to become a minister.

Mr. Wagner moved, seconded by Mr. Elderfield, that we approve and endorse the application of Philip to be taken under care of Presbytery to become a minister of the church.

A prayer of benediction was given by Mr. Berryhill.

The Session of the Church went on record as approving the use of the Church in emergencies, by the Civil Defense Organization as a shelter and to serve meals, or in any other way to assist the community at such times. Instruction was given that a Trustee, and Elder and the Pastor inform the Civil Defense organization as to what the church can offer.

Te meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill .

J. H. Mifflin
J. H. Mifflin

Clerk.

Jan. 29, 1951.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Church and Congregation was held at 7:30 P.M. Monday, January 29, 1951.

The Meeting was opened with singing of hymn, followed by prayer by Elder Ralph Wagner.

The call for the meeting was read by the Clerk.

Prayer was led by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

A call was made for nominations for presiding officer of the Congregational meeting. Howard E. Morrill was nominated and unanimously elected Chairman.

Polls were opened and The Nominating Committee, Chairman, Mr. J.R. Dawson, read the slate for Trustees as prepared by his committee. It read as follows-

TERM OF THREE YEARS

Lloyd S. Bovier

E. R. Broden

Mrs. H. A. Norton

Harry N. Tatomer

TWO YEARS

Alpheus R. Phelps

ONE YEAR

Miss Frances Beggs

There being no further nominations, the report of Mr. Dawson and his Nominating Committee was duly received and polls declared open for the period of one hour at 7:45 P.M.

The report of the Treasurer was presented by Miss McLaren; The highlights of the past year's operating and benevolent budgets were reviewed briefly. Benevolent Budget was over-subscribed, the amount being 103 % of the budget.

Attention was called to the report of the Every Member Enrollment as presented in the bound pamphlet.

Attention was also called to the gifts to the church as shown on page 41.

At this time, the congregational meeting recessed and the Pastor took over again to conduct the congregational meeting.

He gave special recognition to the splendid work done by the group who prepared the "Review and Outlook."

He also reviewed briefly various new items assembled in this year's booklet.

Mr. Berryhill reported for the work of the Church for the year as seen through the eyes of the minister, and said he has been working with the Session's committee on securing a new Assistant Minister. He acknowledged graciously the work which Mr. Easter did here.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, con

Mr. Dawson reported that the Nominating Committee had selected the following men as Elders to serve on the Session for a term of three years-

William Campbell
James G. Marshall
Thomas R. McNeill
W. H. Mitchell

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Clerk cast one ballot for the election of the above designated men as Elders for the term of three years.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the reports of the various church organizations be incorporated as part of the minutes of this meeting.

Dr. Heath was introduced at this time to speak to us on the subject of "Our Church Program." He pointed out the vital need of an informed church working conscientiously to fulfill Christ's purpose for us in this highly industrialized area, to help advance the total welfare of all the people, and thus help fulfill Christ's purpose for us in this area. His talk was very interesting and challenging in its entire scope.

Mr. Berryhill then turned the meeting back to Mr. Morrill as Moderator of the corporation meeting.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Secretary be instructed to cast one ballot for the election of the Trustees nominated at the beginning of the meeting. The ballot was duly cast.

Mr. Habgood reported that the second Family Night of the winter would be held on Valentine's Day, February 14th.

Election of Nominating Committee for 1952 was next in order. The following nominations were made- Mr. C. E. Jackson- Congregation; Mr. Fleming, Session; Mrs. Nicol, Trustee; Mr. R. Wagner, Session; Mark Templeton; John Mollison, Trustee. Nominations were closed and above people were declared elected to the Nominating Committee for 1952.

Mr. Berryhill announced that Ordination and Installation of Elders and Recognition Service for Board of Trustees would be held next Sunday, February 4, at the regular service.

Mr. Howard Morrill acknowledged the fine type of leadership which he feels the church will be afforded.

Mr. Jackson moved that we go on record as publicly acknowledging our debt of gratitude to Dr. Heath for his splendid message.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING , con.

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the report of the Treasurer as presented in the booklet be approved.

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the church approve the actions of our Trustees in carrying on the work of the church for the past year.

The minutes were read and fully approved.

The meeting was closed with prayer by J. H. Mifflin

J. H. Mifflin
Clerk of Session
J. H. Mifflin

DISMISSALS-

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Meng- January 27, 1951- to Lakewood
Presbyterian Church, Lakewood, Ohio.

DEATHS- since January 1- 1951-

Dr. Earle A. Pritchard-	January 20, 1951.
Edward P. Leopard	January 28, 1951.
John Kerr	February 1951.

February 5, 1951.

SESSION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was held on Monday, February 5, at 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT- Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Elders Wm. Campbell, J. G. Marshall, W. H. Mitchell, J. P. Dawson, J. H. Mifflin, R. H. Wagner, C. J. Elderfield and W. E. Mack.

ABSENT:- T. R. McNeill, J. Stuart Fleming, Keith Demmon, A.E.Habgood.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Session was organized as noted below-

CLERK- J. H. Mifflin

PULPIT COMMITTEE- J.R.Dawson, C.J.Elderfield, Wm. Campbell.

MUSIC-- J.S.Fleming, R.H.Wagner, T.R.McNeill

FINANCE- J.G.Marshall, J.R.Dawson, A.E.Habgood

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUNG PEOPLE- Keith Demmon, Wm. Campbell, J.S.Fleming

ADULT PROGRAM- J.H.Mifflin, C.J.Elderfield, J.G.Marshall

COMMUNION- W.H.Mitchell, W.E.Mack, T.R.McNeill, A.E.Habgood,
J.H.Mifflin

SPECIAL AND WEEK DAY SERVICES- W.E.Mack, A.E.Habgood, Keith Demmon,
W.H.Mitchell

EVANGELISM AND MEMBERSHIP- R. H. Wagner, W. H. Mitchell, J.R.Dawson,
T.R.McNeill

PASTOR'S FUND- C.J.Elderfield, J.S.Fleming

USHERS- J.H.Mifflin

COUNCIL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION- Wm. Campbell.

The Session voted unanimous approval of the committees as suggested by the Pastor.

The Treasurer's report was read, approved and filed- It follows-

RECEIPTS- Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1951 -----	\$ 200.00
From Mrs. Bogis -----	40.00
Envelopes -----	1620.65
	<u>\$ 1860.65</u>

DISBURSEMENTS-

To the Boards of the Church-----	\$ 1500.00
Presbytery Tax- Budget B.(1st quarter)	150.00
Rent for apartment (Bogis) -----	60.00
	<u>\$ 1710.00</u>
Cash on hand January 31, 1951 -----	150.65
	<u>\$ 1860.65</u>

SUMMARY- Expected Benevolences-1951 ---11,435.00

Amount to be collected ----- 9,814.35

COMPARISON- In January 1951, received \$ 67.31 more than in Jan. 1950.

In January 1951 -----14.1 %

In January 1950 -----14.4 %

In January 1949 -----14.9 %

J. McLaren, Treasurer.

February 5, 1951.

Minutes, con.

Rev. Berryhill reported on progress towards securing an Assistant Pastor. He has not secured a woman as temporary assistant as yet. Attendance has definitely increased over a year ago.

the older one now used, and her offer was accepted with thanks. Mrs. Bishop has offered a new pulpit Bible to ~~replace~~ and the use of older baptismal font was referred to the pulpit committee.

and old pulpit Bible

Next Sunday will be Boy Scout Sunday and the last Sunday in the month will be Men's Sunday with reports from the Laymen's representatives who went to Chicago, and other laymen participating.

The Camp Duffield Fund Committee requested that we speed up our payments, if possible, due to pressing financial obligations.

The request of Mr. Berryhill for \$ 15.00 to help defray his expenses in going to Pittsburgh for an assistant minister was duly approved.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the sum of \$ 200.00 be paid to the Camp Duffield project now, in response to the request of Mr. McCausland, and in partial fulfillment of our total pledge of \$ 2000 before the end of 1951, be approved. Passed.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Committee on Sunday School and Young People confer with Mr. Campbell and devise plans for the completion of the Duffield pledge. Carried.

Discussion of One Great Hour of Sharing- It was regularly moved and seconded and passed that participation in this program be extended by the use of the carton in the Sunday School, if the Superintendent approves.

The Session directs that the Presbytery be advised that the First Presbyterian Church expects to contribute the sum of \$ 9500.00 to the Benevolence causes of the church in 1951.

Music Committee- General Discussion.

Sunday School and young people- It was reported that 64 attended the Youth Dinner.

The Christian Education Committee consists of Rev. C. C. Berryhill, Chairman, Keith Demmon, John B. Edwards, Mrs. Emmons Jaquish and Miss Ellen Fleming.

Mrs. Jaquish will be asked to act as Superintendent of Vacation Bible School for 1951.

It was regularly moved and seconded and passed that the Session approve the action of the Christian Education Committee in their selection of a new Assistant Superintendent to replace Mr. Buck.

Communion- Session's Committee will prepare for Ash Wednesday Communion. The next Communion service of our church will be on Thursday of Holy Week, with Preparatory Service on the preceding evening, March 21.

Evangelism and New Members- Calls will be made during week of January 25th.

February 5
Minutes, con.

Session will meet after church service on March 4 to receive new members.

Presbytery meeting- Tuesday, February 13. W. H. Mitchell was elected as delegate to Presbytery and J. G. Marshall as alternate.

Dinner for Boards of the Church and other Elders was referred to the Committee on Special Days and Events. It was regularly moved and seconded that this committee work out the details and set the date. Carried.

The Annual Congregational Party will be held on May 2nd with the Guild, Philathea Class and Missionary Society serving as hostesses. Noon Day Services during Holy Week will be conducted as usual and lunch will be served afterward.

The Civil Defense program was referred to the Trustees for action in appointing a committee to represent our church and conduct any necessary liason with the general city plans.

The meeting closed with prayer by Mr. Dawson.

J. H. Mifflin
J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

DISMISSALS- George Morton to Riverside Presbyterian Church, City.
Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Wells- to First Methodist Church,
Clarksburg, West Virginia.

March 4, 1951

SPECIAL MEETING

The Session met following morning service in special service for the acceptance of members.

Present- Elders Joseph Dawson, Keith Demmon, C. J. Elderfield, A. E. Habgood, J. G. Marshall, Stuart Felming, Thomas McNeill, Wm. Mitchell, Ralph Wagner and Moderator Charles C. Berryhill.

Prayer was offered by C. J. Elderfield.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the following be received by letter.

Mr. Philip Doll- from Methodist Church, Crete, Illinois.
 Mrs. Philip Doll- from Methodist Church, Mansfield, Illinois.
 Mr. Eugene G. Nutting- from First Baptist Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
 Mrs. Eugene Nutting- from First Baptist Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
 Miss Joyce Nutting- from First Baptist Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
 Mr. Mark M. Templeton- from 1st Presbyterian Church, Terrance, Ala.
 Mrs. Mark M. Templeton- from 1st Presbyterian Church, Terrance, Ala.
 Mr. James B. Templeton- from 1st Presbyterian Church, Terrance, Ala.
 Mr. Mark Templeton- Jr. from 1st Presbyterian Church, Terrance, Ala.
 Mr. David E. Templeton- from 1st Presbyterian Church, Terrance, Ala.
 Mr. John M. Youel- First Presbyterian Church, Penn Yan, N.Y.
 Mrs. John Youel- First Presbyterian Church, Penn Yan, N.Y.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the following be received by Confession of Faith-

Mr. Robert I. Hill -24 B St.
 * Mr. George L. Johns- 2719 LaSalle Ave.
 Mr. J. F. Lillico-8729 Cayuga Dr.
 Mrs. J. F. Lillico- 8729 Cayuga Dr.
 Mrs. Norman McCoy- 2224 Michigan Ave.
 Mr. Edward W. Micon- 429 Sixth St.
 * Mrs. Audrey Morgan- 2719 LaSalle Ave.
 * Mr. W. Ralph Rose- 1363 Michigan Ave.
 Mrs. Mildred Searles - 446 Memorial Pkwy.
 * Miss Daisy Shaffer- 325 Main St.
 Mr. Robert Stirrat-1528 Willow
 Miss Katherine Stirrat- 1528 Willow
 Mrs. Elizabeth Watt- 2837 Lewiston Rd.

The meeting closed with the benediction by Mr. Berryhill.

* Baptised 4

W E Mack

W. E. Mack, Clerk Pro Tem.

March 5, 1951

SESSION REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Session was held on Monday, March 5, at 7:30 P.M.

Present- Moderator Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Elders Wm. Campbell, Thomas McNeill, W. H. Mitchell, A. E. Habgood, C. J. Elderfield, Walter E. Mack, Keith Demmon, J. R. Dawson, J. S. Fleming, John H. Mifflin and R. H. Wagner, J. G. Marshall.

Absent- No absentees.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, corrected and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved as follows-

RECEIPTS-

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1951	-----	\$ 150.65
Envelopes	-----	666.91
From Mrs. Bogis	-----	40.00
		<hr/> \$ 857.56

DISBURSEMENTS-

To the Boards of the Church	-----	\$ 500.00
To Presbytery of Buffalo-Niagara-		
Special for Camp Duffield	-----	200.00
Rent for apartment	-----	60.00
		<hr/> \$ 760.00
Cash on hand February 28	-----	97.56
		<hr/> \$ 857.56

SUMMARY-

Expected Benevolences 1951	-----	\$ 11,435.00
Amount to be collected	-----	9,147.44

COMPARISON-

In February 1951 received \$ 39.61 more than in February 1950.

First two months-	1951 - 20.0%
	1950 - 20.3%
	1949 - 19.9%

Jean McLaren, Treasurer.

Mr. Gailey will serve as Chairman of the Church's committee on Civil Defense.

The new pulpit Bible has been received.

There is no further report on the securing of a new Assistant Pastor.

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that we invite Dr. John Peters to preach in our pulpit on April 1, or at some later date if that one is not satisfactory to him.

It was regularly voted that the church pay its share of \$ 40.00 towards the expenses of the City's Council of Religious Education.

A deficit of \$ 4.00 was incurred at the Visitation dinner. It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that this deficit be met from the contingency fund of the Session.

It was suggested that the Finance Committee provide receptacles for the boxes used in the "One Great Hour of Sharing" next Sunday morning. This will be done. Plans include the reception of the gifts from the Sunday School as well.

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the Wooster Girls' / College Choir be invited to sing at our morning service on April 8 and that their expenses be reimbursed to the extent of \$ 100.00

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the Music Committee be directed to outline a program for the use of the Junior Choir in the Church Service.

Mrs. Jaquish has consented to act as Superintendent of Vacation Bible School.

Mr. Jackson has accepted the position of Assistant Superintendent of the Sunday School.

The Fair to be sponsored by the Young People to help raise money for Camp Duffield was discussed generally.

The Communion Breakfast was served by the Laymen's Association to 51 men after a very impressive early Communion Service.

The next Communion will be held on March 22, an evening service.

The Communicants' Class will hold its final instruction meeting with the Pastor and Session on Palm Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock.

The annual dinner for church officers, including all Elders, both active and inactive, together with the active Trustees, will be held on April 4, at 6:30 P.M. Mr. Habgood and Mr. Mack are in charge of the entertainment committee. Plan as presented was duly approved. W. H. Mitchell and J.R. Dawson are on the committee to handle the meeting.

Ushers were generally commended, but one Sunday recently, it was felt that the ushering was not up to the regular standard.

A special meeting of Presbytery will be held on Friday March 16, at 10:00 A.M. It was felt that we should have a representative present and the Clerk was instructed to try to secure an Elder to represent us at this special meeting.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Clerk of Session be instructed to write a note of appreciation to the Niagara Frontier Transit System for free transportation on Sunday morning, during Lent.

Session Minutes, con.
March 5, 1951.

The Session went on record as favoring extending an invitation to Presbytery to hold the September meeting in our church, or at a later date if that meeting has already been scheduled elsewhere.

A number of suggestions were made as to the music, and the Pastor will discuss the matter with the choir director.

The meeting closed with prayers by Mr. Marshall and Mr. Wagner.

J. H. Mifflin
J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

MARCH 18, 1951.

SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting was called for 10:30 A. M. Sunday morning for the purpose of receiving the Communicants' Class.

Present- J. G. Marshall, Stuart Fleming, R. H. Wagner, W.E. Mack.
Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill.

Absent- Wm. Campbell, Thomas McNeill, W. H. Mitchell, A.E. Haggood,
C.J. Elderfield, Keith Demmon, J.R. Dawson, J.H. Mifflin

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The following class of communicants were received by regular motion.

Nancy Cruickshank

Emmie Lou Dias

Robert Gall

* Marcia Gratz

Alma Holt

Irene Jaquish

Richard Margeson

* Janet O'Brien

David Rivers

* Marilyn Robbins

William Parry Staneslow

Total for Easter Communion-

By Letter-----13

Confession or

Reaffirmation 17

Communicants 11
41.

Of this number 8 were baptised.

(See page 260, 264 for all names)

The meeting then adjourned to the Morning Service.

W.E. Mack, Clerk, Pro Tem.

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March 25, 1951.

The Session met in special session preceding the Communion service on Sunday, March 25.

The meeting was opened with prayer

Miss Miriam Simpson was received by transfer from the First Presbyterian Church, San Francisco, California.

Robert Woodring was received on reaffirmation of faith.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Murray were received on reaffirmation of faith.

* Miss Luella Robbins was received on Confession of Faith.

It was regularly moved, seconded and passed that all be received as indicated above.

A prayer of blessing was offered by Mr. Marshall.

The Pastor gave the new members the necessary instructions.

It was regularly voted that the church reimburse Mr. Bowser to the extent of \$ 25.00 to pay his expenses in coming here as a prospective candidate for Assistant Pastor.

THOSE PRESENT WERE- Moderator Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Elders J. G. Marshall, A. E. Habgood, W. H. Mitchell, C. J. Elderfield, J. R. Dawson, T. P. McNeill, J. Stuart Fleming, P. H. Wagner, J. H. Mifflin, and W. E. Mack.

Absent- Wm. Campbell.

The meeting closed with benediction by the Pastor.

*Baptised

J. H. Mifflin
J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

DISMISSALS-

- 3/12/51 Mrs. Nancy Lutts (nee Parry) to Youngstown Presbyterian Church
Youngstown, N.Y.
- 3/19/51 Mr. and Mrs. Alfred May- to Washburn St. Presbyterian Church
Scranton, Pa.
- 3/19/51 Mr. George T. Gebhardt - to 1st Methodist Church, Ashtabula, Ohio.
- 3/19/51 Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Robertson- to Bacon Memorial Presbyterian
Niagara Falls, N.Y.
- 3/22/51 Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hawley- to 1st Presbyterian Church,
Wheaton, Illinois.

April 2, 1951.

SESSION MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Session was held on Monday, April 2, at 7:30 P.M.

Present- Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Elders T.R. McNeill, W. E. Mack, W. H. Mitchell, A. E. Habgood, C. J. Elderfield, Keith Demmon, J. H. Mifflin, R. H. Wagner.

Absent- Elders- J. G. Marshall, J. S. Fleming, Wm. Campbell J.R. Dawson.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

The minutes of the last meetings were read and corrected and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved- as follows-

Receipts- Cash on hand March 1, 1951 -----	\$ 97.56
Envelopes -----	\$ 756.50
Easter Envelopes -----	135.04
Communion Plate -----	89.82
U.S. Bond- Young Legacy -----	18.75
From Mrs. Bogis -----	40.00
	<u>\$ 1137.67</u>

Disbursements-

To the Boards of the Church -----	1000.00
Rent for apartment -----	60.00
	<u>\$ 1060.00</u>
Cash on hand March 31, 1951 -----	77.67
	<u>\$ 1137.67</u>

Summary- Expected Benevolences in 1951-----	11,435.00
Amount received to date -----	3,287.67
	<u>8,147.35</u>

Comparison-

In March 1951 received \$ 416.48 more than in March 1950.

First three months- 1951-	28.7%
1950-	25.7%
1949-	26.7%

Sacrificial Offering-

Received in March 1951 and sent to Board of Foreign Missions -----	\$ 458.34
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Jean McLaren, Treasurer.

The pulpit committee reported that Mr. Bowser was favorably disposed towards our Church and wanted to clear up a few matters looking towards the acceptance of our offer to come here as Assistant Minister.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Pastor be authorized to offer Mr. Bowser a salary of \$ 3600.00 plus reasonable allowance for moving expenses to be approved by the Pastor. Passed.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the minister be authorized, with the pulpit committee, to secure supply ministers for the month of August. Carried.

April 2, 1951
Minutes, continued.

Bible

It was recommended that the pulpit committee be authorized to repair the present pulpit and that the Memorial Bible idea be abandoned for the present. Approved.

Dr. Peters will be asked to preach in our pulpit this fall as he could not come for the April date we had suggested.

Mr. Berryhill requested that he be permitted a replacement for April 15th. Approved.

The Adult Chorus will sing on April 15th. The Chapel Choir will sing on Mother's Day, May 13th.

Mr. Demmon reported briefly on the County Fair. He reported that the young people had made at least \$ 300.00 towards the Duffield Camp. It was regularly moved, seconded that a letter of appreciation be sent to Avery Walker for his work in connection with the recent fair. Passed.

Children's Day program will be observed in our church on June 10th.

The Philathea Class has sent \$ 50.00 to Camp Duffield as a memorial to Mrs. Minnick.

As usual, the Church will sponsor to the extent of one half of the expenses for young people who attend the leadership and youth conferences this summer.

The Congregational Party will be held on May 2nd under the sponsorship of Philathea, Missionary Society and Presbyterian Guild. It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the Session authorize the payment of expenses of this party up to \$ 50.00.

The next Laymen's meeting, last of the season, will be held on April 10, with Dr. Ralph Hindman as speaker. There will be election of officers.

The Next Communion will be held June 24th.

The Last Family Night will be held on Wednesday, April 18th.

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the Session meet any deficit incurred by the Philathea Class in providing the dinner for the meeting of the joint Boards and families on Wednesday, April 4th. Fifty Three people have made reservations.

Mr. Berryhill reported a balance of \$ 266.23 in the Pastor's Fund.

USHERS- Several suggestions were made. It was suggested that the fan be run during the last hymn. The Pastor will look into possible plans.

Presbytery meeting will be held Tuesday, April 24 in Buffalo. W. H. Mitchell was nominated as delegate to represent our Session.

Boys in service should be contacted. No definite plans yet developed.

April 2, 1951.
Minutes continued.

Church Calendar- Changes are being considered.

272 were present at the last Communion Service.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mr. Demmon and Mr. Elderfield

J. H. Mifflin
J. H. Mifflin Clerk.

May 7, 1951.

SESSION MINUTES REGULAR MEETING- May 7, 1941.

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church held its regular meeting Monday, May 7, at 7:30 P.M.

Present- Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Elders Wm. Campbell, J. G. Marshall, Thomas McNeill, A. E. Habgood, C. J. Elderfield, W. E. Mack, R. H. Wagner, Keith Demmon, J. R. Dawson and Stuart Fleming.

Absent- Elders J. H. Mifflin and W. H. Mitchell.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Wagner.

The minutes of the April 2 meeting were read, corrected and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted- as follows

Receipts- Cash on hand April 1, 1951 -----	\$ 77.67
Envelopes -----	\$ 959.53
Easter Envelopes -----	3.00
From Mrs. Bogis -----	962.53
	40.00
	<u>1080.20</u>

Disbursements-

To the Boards of the Church -----	800.00
Presbytery Tax (Budget B (2nd Quarter) ---	150.00
Rent for apartment -----	60.00
	<u>1010.00</u>
Cash on hand April 30, 1951 -----	70.20
	<u>1080.20</u>

SUMMARY-

Expected Benevolences in 1951 -----	11435.00
Amount received to date -----	4250.20
	<u>7184.80</u>

COMPARISON-

In April 1951 received \$ 359.02 less than in 1950.

First four months- 1951-	37%
1950-	38%
1949-	37%

Jean McLaren, Treas.

PULPIT COMMITTEE- Mr. Berryhill reported that Mr. Bowser had accepted our offer to become Assistant Minister at a salary of \$ 3600.00 per year beginning about June 15th. Mr. Berryhill will report the transaction to the Presbytery for its approval if their approval is necessary. There was some discussion relative to living quarters for Mr. and Mrs. Bowser.

FINANCE COMMITTEE- Mr. Dawson moved, Mr. Fleming seconded that we send \$ 25.00 to the Wooster Girls' Choir in addition to the \$ 100.00 already paid. Carried.

May 7
Minutes continued.

MUSIC COMMITTEE- No report. Some discussion relative to the Junior Choir. All comments very favorable.

It was moved by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Demmon that we invite the Boys' Choir of the Dayton, Ohio Rotary Club, which is to be in Niagara Falls Saturday and Sunday, May 26th and 27th to sing at the morning service Sunday, the 27th and that we make them a present of \$ 25.00. Carried.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUNG PEOPLE- It was moved by Mr. Demmon, seconded by Mr. Habgood that the following procedure for the election of church School officers be approved. Carried.

1-That all officers excepting the General Secretary and the officers of the Kindergarten Department be appointed annually to serve not more than two full one year terms successively beginning January 1, 1950. An officer shall be eligible for reappointment only after one year following a two year course of service has elapsed.

2- The General Superintendent shall appoint a Committee not later than November 1st of each year to consist of one representative of each of the five departments of the Sunday School. Each representative from the five departments shall be responsible for calling a meeting of the teachers and officers of his department and securing their united judgment on the persons who should be named officers. This committee shall also include the Chairman of the Session's committee on Sunday School and Young People's Work, or a member of his committee whom he shall appoint. This member of Session shall be chairman of six who shall carefully prepare a list of officers for the year ahead and shall submit the names at the December meeting of Session. Session's approval of these persons nominated shall constitute appointment.

It was moved by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Demmon that the Session continue for this year to pay one half of the expenses of any church school teacher or officer who will attend the Leadership Conference for teachers and workers. Carried.

SPECIAL AND WEEK DAY SERVICES- No report

COMMUNION COMMITTEE- Next Communion will be June 24th.

ADULT PROGRAM- Some discussion re Laymen's Association and Presbyterian men.

USHERS- Some constructive Comments.

Mr. Berryhill reported that a new design showing the tower entrance instead of the whole church had been worked out and recommended its use on the front of the calendar. Mr. Dawson moved, Mr. Elderfield seconded that the recommendation be adopted if approved by Mr. Fleming the chairman of a special committee/has been studying church calendars for some time. Carried. which

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Mr. Berryhill stated there would be a special meeting of the Presbytery at the North Presbyterian Church in Buffalo at 10:00 A.M. Tuesday, May 15th. The Clerk of the Session was asked to secure an Elder to attend if possible.

Mr. Berryhill recommended a Planning Conference of the different church organizations to be held some time in September. Approved.

Mr. Berryhill recommended that we call the attention of the Trustees to the fact that a Director for the Annual Financial Enrollment should be appointed at their May meeting. Approved.

Mr. Dawson moved, Mr. Marshall seconded that Wm. Campbell be appointed Budget Director for the church school. Carried. Mr. Campbell, being present, accepted.

Memorial Hospital Campaign- It was regularly moved and seconded and carried that the Session endorse the Hospital Campaign and recommends that all members of the church participate to the extent of their ability.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Mr. Berryhill.

W E Mack
W. E. Mack, Clerk
Pro Tem.

May 13, 1951.
SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Session was called Sunday morning, May 13, after the morning service.

Present- Moderator Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Elders Wm. Campbell, J. G. Marshall, Thomas McNeill, W. H. Mitchell, A. E. Habgood, C. J. Elderfield, W. E. Mack, Keith Demmon, J. R. Dawson, R. H. Wagner.
Absent- Elders J. S. Fleming and J. H. Mifflin.

It was moved by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Mitchell that we accept the church letter of J.K.L Bowser from the Hoboken Presbyterian Church, Blawnox, Pennsylvania. Carried.

It was moved by Mr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Habgood that the Pulpit Committee and Mr. Berryhill plan the ordination service for K. L. Bowser on Wednesday, June 29th. Carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Demmon that the Pulpit Committee plan areception for Mr. Bowser and his wife following the Ordination Service June 27th. Carried.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Mr. Berryhill.

W E Mack
W. E. Mack, Clerk
Pro Tem.

DISMISSALS-

April 26, 1951

Kenneth Minnick- to Hyde Park United Presbyterian Church
Niagara Falls, N.Y.5/14 Mrs. Catherine Hogan- to Riverside Presbyterian Church, Niagara
Falls, N.Y.

5/16 Fred W. Stacey- 1st Presbyterian Church- Raleigh, N.C.

June 3, 1951.

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING

A special Session meeting was held Sunday, June 3, following the church service.

Present- Elders J.R.Dawson, C.J.Elderfield, A.E.Habgood, W.E.Mack,
J. G. Marshall, T.R.McNeill, /R. H. Wagner and Moderator Rev. C. C.
Berryhill. W.H.M.tchell

Absent- Elders Wm. Campbell, K. Demmon, J.S.Fleming, J.H.Mifflin.

On motion made, seconded and carried, the following were received into membership by letter-

Mr. John Blackmer- from First Methodist Church, Warren, Ohio
Mrs. John Blackmer- from First Methodist Church, Warren, Ohio.
Mr. George Bland- from First Presbyterian Church, Fostoria, Ohio
Mrs. George Bland (Emma) - from First Presbyterian Church, Fostoria, O
Mary Alice Bland- from First Presbyterian Church- Fostoria, Ohio.
John William Bland- from First Presbyterian Church, Fostoria, Ohio
Mr. Harry Crawford James- United Church of Canada- Orillia, Ontario.
Mr. Allen L. Spafford- -The Presbyterian Church- Colquet, Minn.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Elder C. J. Elderfield.

W E Mack

W. E. Mack, Clerk Pro Tem.

Summary members received June 3-

By Letter ----- 8

DEATHS- Einor Peter Jensen- April 26, 1951

June 4, 1951.

SESSION MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was held Monday evening, June 4, at 7:30 o'clock.

PRESENT- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Elders Wm. Campbell, J. G. Marshall, Thomas R. McNeill, W. H. Mitchell, W. E. Mack, C. J. Elderfield, J. R. Dawson, J. H. Mifflin and R. H. Wagner.

ABSENT-Elders A. E. Habgood, Keith Demmon and J. S. Fleming.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, corrected and approved.

The Session approved reconsideration of a request for a letter of dismissal from a person who has not been active in our church lately should be considered at a subsequent meeting of the Session before a letter is granted.

The Treasurer's report was read, approved and filed. It follows-

BENEVOLENT FUND-

RECEIPTS- Cash on hand May 1, 1951	-----	\$ 70.20
Envelopes	-----	\$ 603.71
Voluntary Trust Fund	-----	12.50
From Mrs. Bogis	-----	616.21
		40.00
		<u>\$ 726.41</u>

DISBURSEMENTS-

To the Boards of the Church	-----	550.00
Rent for apartment	-----	60.00
		610.00
Cash on hand May 31, 1951	-----	116.41
		<u>726.41</u>

SUMMARY- Expected benevolences in 1951	-----	11,435.00
Amount received to date	-----	4,866.41
Amount to be collected	-----	<u>6,568.59</u>

COMPARISON-

In May 1951 received \$ 19.46 more than in May 1950.

First five months- 1951	-----	42.5 %
First five months- 1950	-----	43.6 %
First five months- 1949	-----	44 %

J. McLaren, Treasurer.

It was moved by Mr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Elderfield, that the suggested contract between the Assistant Minister and the Church, as amended, be approved, with the financial remuneration to be worked out between Mr. Mack, Mr. Berryhill and Mr. Bowser, at a salary not to exceed \$ 300.00 per month. Carried-

The suggested contract follows-

"The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Niagara Falls, New York, invites Kenneth L. Bowser to become Assistant Minister in this Church to begin his services June 15, 1951.

The work of the Assistant Minister shall be entirely under the supervision of the Pastor. His duties shall consist of supervision and direction of the high school youth program, Associate Superintendent of the Sunday Church School, participation in the leadership of worship in the sanctuary, which shall include preaching and assisting the Pastor in all phases of the ministry. The above duties may be revised by the direction of the Pastor. Session shall be kept informed as to the program of responsibilities carried by the Assistant Minister.

For his services the Assistant Minister shall receive three hundred dollars per month (or this sum less the monthly rent paid directly to his landlord), participation in the Pension Plan by the Church, and one month's vacation per year. The vacation period shall be set at a time agreeable to the Pastor and approved by the Session.

The Session or the Assistant Minister may dissolve this relationship upon giving the other at least one month notice of such intention."

Signed

John H. Mifflin
Clerk of Session for Session
First Presbyterian Church

Kenneth L. Bowser
Assistant Minister

Mr. Berryhill outlined the plans for the Ordination of Mr. Bowser, and Session approved the plans for Friday, June 29th.

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the Pastor be permitted to have programs printed and mailed to the local pastors and pastors of Presbytery for the ordination of Mr. Bowser.

August preachers will include Mr. Bowser, Mr. Easter on Aug. 12, and Dr. Moser on the 26th. One supply will be selected later.

Dr. Heath returned the check sent him for preaching here in April.

It was moved by Mr. Elderfield, seconded by Mr. Wagner, that the Pulpit Committee and the Pastor be allowed to change compensation of pulpit supplies if letters written to other churches of our size in our area indicate they regularly pay a higher honorarium. Carried.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the request of the Council of Religious Education for \$ 20.00 for the Training Course in September be approved, as requested. Passed.

It was suggested that notice be inserted in the bulletin of the need for one or two pianos.

It was suggested that a study be made of possible risers to be used by the Youth Choir and other larger musical organizations at the front of the church. Mr. Wagner will try to learn how the Wooster Choir risers were built.

The Session will meet following church service on June 17th and also at 10:30 on June 24, preceding Church Service on that day to accept new members.

Mr. Mitchell was elected to represent us at Presbytery at the meeting at Youngstown on June 12th and Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Mifflin agreed to try to contact the Session as to whether others can attend, and secure reservations for the dinner that evening.

The Presbytery will meet at our church on September 18th.

Mr. Berryhill suggested a committee of three might be selected each Sunday to confer with visitors and make suggestions about things to be seen or answer questions about the church or community.

It was regularly moved, seconded and passed that a new Junior High School Group and another Married Couples' Group be organized at the discretion of the Pastor.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mr. Mitchell.

J. H. Mifflin
J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

June 17, 1951.

SPECIAL MEETING

A Special Meeting of the Session was called by the Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill June 17, following the morning worship service.

Present- Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Elders- Keith Demmon, C. J. Elderfield, J. H. Mifflin, J. Stuart Fleming, W. H. Mitchell, J. G. Marshall, T.R. McNeill, Wm. Campbell, Ralph Wagner and W. E. Mack.

Absent- Elders A. E. Habgood and J. R. Dawson.

The following persons were received into the membership of the church by confession of faith-

CONFESSION- Mr. Lloyd F. Stuller, Jr. 546 Fifth St.
Mrs. Lloyd F. Stuller-(Eileen) - 546 Fifth Street.

Prayer of Dedication was given by Elder R. H. Wagner.

The meeting was then adjourned.

J. H. Mifflin
J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

DEATHS-

R. Malcolm Mackay- June 12, 1951

June 24, 1951.

SPECIAL MEETING

A Special meeting of the Session was called preceding the Communion Service on June 24, at 10:45 A.M.

Present- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Elders Wm. Campbell, J. G. Marshall, W. H. Mitchell, A. E. Habgood, C. J. Elderfield, W. E. Mack, J. S. Fleming and John H. Mifflin.

Absent- Elders Keith Demmon, J. R. Dawson, R. H. Wagner and T.R. McNeill.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

The following were received by letter, duly approved-

Mrs. Kenneth L. Bowser, letter from the First Methodist Church
Aspinwall, Pa.

Mr. Jack Mills, letter from the Presbyterian Church, Hornings Mills,
Ontario.

Mr. Charles Gregory, letter from the Westmor Presbyterian Church,
Kingston, Pa.

Mr. Burr McGee, letter from Hyde Park Presbyterian Church,
Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Miss Olive Common, letter from the Hitchcock Memorial Church,
Scarsdale, N.Y.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH-

Mr. Burr McGee *no letter*

Summary- 5 Letter
1 Affirmation of Faith.

J. H. Mifflin
J. H. Mifflin, Clerk of
Session

SUMMARY - NAMES LISTED AS INDICATED

	BY LETTER	AFFIRMATION
May 13	1	
June 3	8	
June 17		2
June 24	5	1
	<u>14</u>	<u>3</u>

DISMISSALS-

May 22, 1951- Mr. and Mrs. H. Edwin Morrill- to 1st Presbyterian Church, LaGrange, Ill.

June 19, 1951- Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Boone, Jane and Elizabeth Boone to Bacon Memorial Presbyterian Church, Niagara Falls

July 6, 1951- Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Wendt-Plymouth Congregational Church, Utica, New York.

September 4, 1951.

SESSION MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was held on Tuesday, September 4, at 7:30 P.M.

Present- Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Rev. Kenneth L. Bowser and Elders Wm. Campbell, J. G. Marshall, Thomas R. McNeill, A. E. Habgood, C. J. Elderfield, W. E. Mack, Keith Demmon, J. R. Dawson, J. S. Fleming, J. H. Mifflin and R. H. Wagner, and W. H. Mitchell.

Absent- None.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

The minutes of previous meetings were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was received, approved and ordered filed. It follows-

RECEIPTS-	Cash on hand Aug. 1, 1951	-----	\$ 101.76
	Envelopes	-----	502.34
			<u>\$ 604.10</u>
DISBURSEMENTS-			
	Boards of the Church	-----	\$ 500.00
	Cash on hand Aug. 31, 1951	-----	104.10
			<u>\$ 604.10</u>
SUMMARY-			
	Expected Benevolences in 1951	-----	\$ 11,435.00
	Amount received to date	-----	7,060.10
	Amount to be collected	-----	<u>\$ 4,374.90</u>
COMPARISON-			
	In August 1951, received \$ 39.07 more than		
	in August, 1950.		
	First eight months of 1951	-----	61.6%
	First eight months of 1950	-----	62.2%
	First eight months of 1949	-----	61.3%

J. McLaren, Treasurer.

SESSION MINUTES, con.

COMBINED REPORT FOR
JUNE, JULY and AUGUST, 1951.

Cash on hand June 1, 1951	-----	\$ 116.41
Envelopes --June	-----	628.68
July	-----	994.06
August	-----	502.34
Communion Plate	-----	68.61
From Mrs. Bogis	-----	2193.69
		40.00
		<u>\$ 2350.10</u>

DISBURSEMENTS-

To the Boards of the Church	-----	\$ 1700.00
Presbytery Tax- Third Quarter	-----	
Budget A	-----	\$ 276.00
Budget B.	-----	150.00
		<u>426.00</u>

Gifts-

N.Y.State Council of Churches	--	20.00
Westminster Foundation-State		
College, -Pa.	-----	50.00
Auburn Theological Seminary	----	50.00
		<u>120.00</u>
		2246.00
Cash on hand August 31, 1951	-----	104.10
		<u>2350.10</u>

SUMMARY-

Expected Benevolences 1951	-----	11,435.00
Amount received to date	-----	7,060.10
Amount to be collected	-----	<u>4,374.90</u>

COMPARISON-

In June 1951- received	\$ 56.01 more than in June 1950
In July 1951- received	97.76 more than in July 1950
In Aug. 1951- received	39.07 more than in Aug. 1950

PER CENT BENEVOLENCE RECEIPTS

FIRST	6 months	7 months	8 months
1951	-----48.6%	-----57.3%	-----61.6%
1950	-----49.5%	-----57.9%	-----62.2%
1949	-----49.5%	-----58.0%	-----61.3%

J. McLaren, Treasurer.

A letter of acknowledgement was received from the students of Cornell who spent the night here on July 14th.

Two pianos were received as the result of notices placed in the church bulletin.

The Session members who offered their services to meet and give information to visitors had no requests for information. It is suggested that some further discussion of the subject should be made at the next meeting of the Session.

Mr. Dawson reported on the pay given to pastoral supplies and the current rate varies between \$ 25.00 and \$ 50.00 with the former figure usual for those in the immediate vicinity and up to \$ 50.00 for those coming from greater distances. The compensation for supplies for the month of August were- Mr. Easter- \$ 30.00; Mr. Berryhill and Dr. Moser \$ 40.00 each.

Approval of the pay, as indicated above was granted.

SESSION MINUTES, con.

It was regularly moved, seconded and passed that the Pulpit Committee be authorized to have the present Pulpit Bible rebound and if possible, to search the records and have a suitable inscription placed in the Bible, signifying when we first presented it, etc.

It was suggested that Dr. Peters be asked to preach at our morning service on October 21, 28 or November 4. A motion to extend such invitation was regularly approved.

The Finance Committee was asked to prepare Session's portion of suggested budget for presentation at our October meeting. It was suggested that the Finance Committee include an item for Presbyterian Life for 1951-1952.

Mr. Habgood feels that there should be an item in the budget for Displaced Persons to help cover expense in case we secure the family of mother, father and two children.

An item should be included to complete our share of the Duffield pledge.

Mark Templeton has been selected as Director of the Every Member Enrollment.

It was regularly moved, seconded and passed that the bills for repair of pulpit robe be approved.

The Christmas Twilight Service will (hopefully) be organized to include the quartette, the Youth Choir and the Westminster Choir. The Youth Choir will be asked to sing October 14 and November 25, as well as for the Twilight Service.

The Music Committee recommends to the Trustees that the platform of suitable type and construction be provided to take care of the Youth Choir and augmented choirs.

Mr. Berryhill and Mr. Bowser reported briefly on the church Vacation Bible School, Summer Conferences, Rally Day, etc.

Newly Married Group is getting under way satisfactorily.

A survey of the church affiliation of people in this area by the men of the Laymen's Association.

Mr. Mitchell was authorized to order about five dozen glasses for Communion Service. A suggested change in securing elements for serving of Communion was brought up for consideration.

Mr. Berryhill spoke briefly on plans for conservation of new members and securing and holding their interest.

Visitation and Evangelism campaign will be held during October and November.

Pastor's Fund balance as of September 1 is \$ 232.73.

SESSION MINUTES, con.

The Pastor presented a suggested program for the year to be sponsored by the Session. It was regularly moved, seconded and passed that the program as presented be approved.

It was regularly moved, seconded and passed that a Congregational Meeting should be called on October 15 to pass on the budget.

Mr. Walter Mack has been elected as delegate to the Presbytery meeting in our church on September 18 and Mr. J. G. Marshall as alternate.

The following persons requested that their names be dropped from the roll-

Jaqueline Koshian- member of another Church.
Storer Ball- His own request.

The removal of above was approved.

It was regularly moved, seconded and passed that an appeal be made for Relief for the Churches in the Flooded Area and that a special contribution be asked on Sunday, September 16, with the objective of raising \$ 100.00.

The meeting was closed with prayers by Mr. Bowser and Mr. Mitchell.

J. H. Mifflin
J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

APPROVED

The Presbytery of Buffalo-Niagara

Norman J. Irving Moderator

Date Sep. 18 1951

DEATHS-

Mrs. Walter Baekler- Aug. 10, 1951

Frederick O'Neill- Sept. 6, 1951

October 1, 1951

SESSION MINUTES

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church held its regular meeting Monday evening, October 1, 1951, at 7:30 o'clock.

Present- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Rev Kenneth L. Bowser and Elders- C. J. Elderfield, W. H. Mitchell, Wm. Campbell, J. G. Marshall, A. E. Habgood, J. R. Dawson, Keith Demmon, R. H. Wagner, J. H. Mifflin, T. R. McNeill and W. E. Mack.

Absent- Elder J. Stuart Fleming (out of city)

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Charles C. Berryhill.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was read and approved- It follows-

RECEIPTS- Cash on hand September 1, 1951	-----	\$ 104.10
Envelopes	-----	\$ 944.52
U. S. Savings Bond (Young Legacy)	18.75	963.27
		<u>\$1067.37</u>

DISBURSEMENTS-

Boards of the Church	-----	\$ 900.00
Cash on hand Sept. 30, 1951	-----	167.37
		<u>\$ 1067.37</u>

SPECIAL BENEVOLENCES- Flood Relief (Voluntary offering) 158.00

SUMMARY- Expected benevolences 1951-----\$ 11,435.00

Amount received to date ----- 8,023.37

Amount to be collected ----- \$ 3,411.63

COMPARISON- In Sept. 1951, received \$ 253.70 more than in Sept. 1950.

FIRST NINE MONTHS of 1951-----70%

* " " " 1950 -----61.6%

" " " 1949-----69%

*Per cent for 1950 includes the Youth Budget Benevolences, credited to church quota. So far in 1951, Youth Budget Benevolences have not yet been sent to the Boards.

Jean McLaren, Treasurer.

It was again requested that the Treasurer's report be duplicated so that all may have copies.

It is understood that the Clerk is to assume responsibility for transmitting to other groups, Trustees or others, any action or suggestion made by the Session.

Mr. Dawson reports that leather for rebinding the Pulpit Bible has been ordered.

Dr. Peters, Chairman of United Promotion Committee of the Church, will speak at the morning service on November 4th, 1951.

Mr. Berryhill reported briefly on Mr. Bowser's work to date and the Junior High Group on Sunday afternoon is making favorable progress. He has also called at the homes of all "shut ins" on our church Roll.

Mr. Marshall presented the proposed Benevolent Budget for 1952. Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Habgood, that the Session recommend that the salary of the Church Secretary be increased to \$ 2400.00. Passed.

It was agreed that any surplus in the Benevolent Budget should be used to pay off our obligation to the Camp Duffield project, rather than to giving additional amount to the Church Boards.

It was regularly moved, seconded and passed that the proposed budget, as presented by the Finance Committee, be approved for presentation to the Joint Boards and to the Congregational meeting on October 15th. Carried.

The Youth Budget will be presented to the meeting of joint boards on October 15th.

The following proposal was duly granted by regularly passed motion.

PROPOSAL-"That a Board For Church Athletic Program be created by Session to have the general oversight of the athletic program of the church. This Board to consist of Chairman from Session's Committee on Sunday School and Young People's Work as Chairman, a representative from each of the following organizations-Laymen's organization, a woman from the Sunday Church School, Geneva Club, both Senior High and Junior High Westminster Fellowship groups, Trustees, and a representative from each athletic team sponsored by the church, and the Assistant Minister."

Mr. Wagner reported on Evangelism and Membership. It was suggested that a visitation program covering three meetings in mid-October be carried out as in recent years. The dates for the visitation were approved as follows-

SUNDAY- OCTOBER 14- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16th- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21st. Further plans for making church membership more meaningful and to more cordially greet new members were discussed at length. Wednesday evening meetings of October 24 and November 18 will have a special interest for new members of the church.

PREPARATORY SERVICE will be Friday evening, October 5th.

Session Meeting prior to Communion on Sunday morning, 10:30 A.M.

The Session appointed Mr. T. R. McNeill as delegate to the Presbytery meeting at Buffalo on October 9th, with Mr. Walter Mack to act as alternate.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mr. Habgood.

Approved
J. H. Mifflin
J. H. Mifflin, Clerk of Session.

October 5, 1951.

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church met Friday evening, October 5, immediately following the Preparatory Service.

PRESENT- Moderator Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Rev. Kenneth L. Bowser.
Elders- J. G. Marshall, T. R. McNeill, W. H. Mitchell,
A. E. Habgood, W. E. Mack, J. R. Dawson and J. H. Mifflin.
R.H.Wagner.

ABSENT- Elders, J. S. Felming, Wm. Campbell, C. J. Elderfield.

The meeting was opened with prayer at the church service.

The following persons presented themselves desiring membership:-

BY LETTER-

Mr. and Mrs. John Clark- Letter from St. George's Church, Aberdeen
(Mrs. Mary) Scotland.

Mr. W. Floyd Wray - First Presbyterian Church, Rome, N.Y.

Mrs. Florence F. Wray (Mrs. Floyd)- 1st Presbyterian Church, Rome, N.Y.

Mr. Stephen Orne- 1st Presbyterian Church, Fostoria, Ohio.

Mrs. ~~Orne~~ Orne (Mrs. Stephen - 1st Presbyterian Church,
Fostoria, Ohio.

Miss Barbara Jean Wray- 1st Presbyterian Church, Rome, N.Y.

Miss Marilyn Louise Wray- 1st Presbyterian Church, Rome, N.Y.

CONFESSION OR REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Mr. Fred J. Hayes 937 Niagara Avenue

Mrs. Alice Hayes (Mrs. Fred J.- 937 Niagara Ave.

Mr. Francis P. DeCarlo- R.F.D. # 1- Military Rd.

BAPTISM-

Miss Betty Carol Bush- 2 Walker Place- Baptized October 5, 1951.

Approval of the above people as members of the Church was duly voted.

A prayer of blessing was offered by Elder Ralph Wagner.

Session will meet at 10:30 A.M. Sunday morning, October 7, to meet further new members.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Kenneth L. Bowser.

SUMMARY MEMBERS-

Oct. 5-

Letter ----- 8

Confession---- 3

Baptism ----- 1

12

John H. Mifflin
John H. Mifflin, Clerk of
Session.

OCTOBER 7, 1951.

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING

A special meeting of the Session was held Sunday morning, October 7, at 10:30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving new members preceding the Communion service.

Present- Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Elders W. E. Mack, J. R. Dawson, Keith Demmon, A. E. Habgood, T. R. McNeill, R.H. Wagner, and J. G. Marshall, J.H. Mifflin.

Absent- Elders Wm. Campbell, W.H. Mitchell, C.J. Elderfield, J.S. Fleming.

The following people were received into membership of the church.

BY LETTER-

Mrs. Mary B. Glennie (Mrs. Robert) - letter from 1st Presbyterian Church, Tonawanda, N.Y.

Mr. Joseph Wright- letter from Hyde Park United Presbyterian Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Mrs. Genevieve Wright (Mrs. Joseph) Letter from Hyde Park United Presbyterian Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

The meeting was closed with prayer by blessing from the Pastor.

SUMMARY- MEMBERS

Oct. 7-

Letter- 3

J. H. Mifflin
J. H. Mifflin
Clerk of Session.

DEATHS-

Mrs. Sydney Schwennesen Oct. 11, 1951

Miss Elizabeth Rice- Oct. 11, 1951

JOINT MEETING-
SESSION AND TRUSTEES

A Joint Meeting of the Session and Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:15 P.M. October 15, 1951, with prayer by Rev. Charles C. Berryhill.

Mr. Baeckler discussed the budget as presented by the Trustees and answered any questions regarding the budget. Following this, Mr. Marshall discussed the proposed budget as presented by the Session.

PRESENT- Rev. C. C. Berryhill, J. G. Marshall, C. J. Elderfield, W. H. Mitchell, Joseph Dawson, Walter Mack, Wm. Campbell, Albert Habgood, J. H. Mifflin, Mrs. Mae Nicol, Mrs. A. Norton and Miss Frances Beggs. *Ralph Wagner*

It was moved by Mr. Baeckler, and seconded that the proposed budgets be accepted for presentation to the Congregational Meeting. Carried.

The Youth Budget was presented by Mr. Campbell and approval was duly granted on motion of Mr. Marshall, seconded and passed.

The Joint meeting was then adjourned to go to the Congregational meeting immediately following.

Approved
J. H. Mifflin
J. H. Mifflin, Clerk of Session.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

MONDAY, October 15, 1951.

The Congregational meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill. Mrs. Nicol moved, seconded by Mr. Mack, that Mr. Albert Habgood be elected to preside as Moderator of the meeting. Carried.

Mr. Habgood called on Mr. Baeckler to discuss the items of the budget as controlled by the Trustees. Mr. Berryhill elaborated on the increases in Presbytery Tax.

Discussion of the budget as controlled by the Session was led by Mr. Marshall.

Approval of the budget as controlled by the Session was approved, upon motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Chase. Carried.

Approval of the proposed budget as presented by the Board of Trustees was passed upon motion by Dr. Snowden, seconded by Mr. Fleming and carried.

Mr. Wm. Campbell presented the Youth Budget and discussed the increases therein.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
con. from preceding page.

OCT. 15, 1951.

It was moved by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Baeckler that the Youth budget, as presented, be approved. Carried.

Mr. Templeton spoke briefly on the coming financial campaign, our 1952 "EVERY MEMBER ENROLLMENT."

Mr. Berryhill spoke briefly about his hopes for further expansion of our church's work in Niagara Falls.

Mr. Baeckler moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded and carried.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

J. H. Mifflin
J. H. Mifflin, Clerk of
Session

November 4, 1951.

SESSION MEETING

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church met on Sunday, November 4, at 4:30 P.M.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Charles C. Berryhill.

Present- Elders C. J. Elderfield, J. Stuart Fleming, A. E. Habgood, W. E. Mack, T. R. McNeill, W. H. Mitchell, Ralph Wagner and the Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill.

Absent- Elders- Wm. Campbell, J. G. Marshall, Keith Demmon, J.R. Dawson, J.H. Mifflin.

The minutes of the Session meetings for October 1, 5, 7 and 15 were read and approved.

The Benevolent Financial Report was read and approved- It follows-

Cash on hand Oct. 1, 1951	-----	\$ 167.37
Envelopes	-----	\$ 811.55
Communion Plates	-----	48.81
		<u>860.36</u>
		1027.73
Youth Budget Benevolences	-----	355.15
		<u>1382.15</u>

DISBURSEMENTS-

Presbytery Tax- 4th Quarter-

Budget A ----- \$ 276.00

Budget B- Church ----- 75.00

Youth Budget ----- 75.00

426.00

To the Boards of the Church-

Church ----- 600.00

Youth Budget ----- 280.15

880.15

\$ 1306.15

Cash on hand October 31, 1951 ----- 76.73

\$ 1382.88

SUMMARY-

Expected Benevolences 1951 ----- \$ 11,435.00

Amount received to date (Including Y.B.) ----- 9,238.88

Amount to be collected ----- \$ 2,196.12

COMPARISON-

October 1951 received (Including Y.B.) \$33.79 less than in Oct. 1950.

TEN MONTHS- 1951- 80.7%

" " 1950- 83.3%

" " 1949- 84.2%

Jean McLaren, Treasurer.

Mr. Berryhill reported that the Laymen's Association has 160 members.

Communion Service will be held Wednesday, December 2, 1951.

Preparatory Service will be held Wednesday, November 28, 1951.

A Special Meeting of the Session will be held after the Morning Service November 25, 1951 and after the Preparatory Service Wednesday, November 28, 1951.

A Special Meeting of the Presbytery will be held at 4:00 P.M. Thursday, Nov. 15, 1951, at the Central Presbyterian Church, Buffalo, N.Y.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Elder A. E. Habgood.

W. E. Mack

W. E. Mack, Clerk Pro Tem.

NOVEMBER 25, 1951.

SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Session was held November 25, following the morning worship.

Present- Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Elders J. G. Marshall, Albert Habgood, W. H. Mitchell, C. J. Elderfield, T. R. McNeill, Keith Demmon, Stuart Fleming, Wm. Campbell, Walter Mack and J. H. Mifflin.

Absent- Elders J. R. Dawson and Ralph Wagner.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold R. Cheek were admitted to membership on motion duly made and seconded and passed- by letter from the First Evangelical United Brethern Church of Westerville, Ohio.

Mr. C. J. Elderfield gave a prayer of blessing.

The meeting was closed with prayer by the Rev. Charles C. Berryhill.

J. H. Mifflin

J. H. Mifflin, Clerk of Session.

NEW MEMBERS- By Letter -----2

DISMISSALS-

Sept. 26- 1951- Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Demmon to 1st Presbyterian Church
Marietta, Ohio.
Oct. 1, 1951- E. Alan Mahannah to 1st Presbyterian Church,
Emporium, Pa.
Oct. 1 1951- Gordon, Gushee to Youngstown Presbyterian-Youngstown, NY
Oct. 4- 1951- Mr. and Mrs. Burton Buck- Community Reformed Church
Manhasset, L.I.

Wednesday, November 28, 1951

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING

The Session met in special session following the Preparatory Service Wednesday, November 28, 1951.

Present- Elders Ralph Wagner, J. G. Marshall, W. H. Mitchell, W. E. Mack and Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

Absent- Elders Wm Campbell, A. E. Habgood, Thomas McNeill, J. H. Mifflin, C. J. Elderfield, J. R. Dawson, J. S. Fleming, and Keith Demmon.

Mr. Berryhill introduced the following persons who presented letters

Mr. Robert Arvold- from First Presbyterian Church, Reedsville, Wis.
 Mr. Robert D. and Mrs. Jennie B. Emmick- Bacon Memorial Presbyterian Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
 Mr. Fred and Mrs. Miriam L. Igou- United Presbyterian Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
 Miss Marion North- Knox Presbyterian Church, Fort Erie, Ontario.
 Mrs. Garnet Sherk- Drummond Hill Presbyterian Church- Niagara Falls, Ont.
 A motion was made by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Marshall that these people be received into membership. Carried.

Mr. Berryhill introduced the following persons who requested to join the church on Confession of Faith or Reaffirmation of Faith-

Mrs. Robert (Barbara) Arvold (Baptised)
 Mrs. George (Annie) Bartlett
 Mr. Frederick T. Keeler and Mrs. Harriet W. Keeler *Letter -*
 Mr. Donald E. and Mrs. Cora McNutt *Nugenot Mem.*
 Mrs. Alex (Lylia) Rutherford *Scarsdale, N.Y.*
 Mr. Garnet E. Sherk
 Mr. George Sinclair

After these people gave satisfactory answers to Mr. Berryhill's questions, it was moved by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Marshall that they be received into membership. Carried.

Mr. Marshall offered a prayer of reception.

Membership cards were then signed by the applicants.

The meeting was adjourned by the benediction by Mr. Barryhill.

All Elders present remained while Mrs. Barbara Arvold was baptised by Mr. Berryhill.

W. E. Mack
 W. E. Mack, Clerk Pro Tem

SUMMARY OF MEMBERS for Communion

Dec. 3-

By Letter-----	9
Confirmation -----	8
Baptism -----	1
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(see also next page Summary)

December 2, 1951.

SPECIAL MEETING OF SESSION

A Special Meeting of the Session was called preceding the Communion Service on Sunday morning, December 2, at 10:30 A.M.

Present- Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Elders C. J. Elderfield, Keith Demmon, Walter Mack, T. R. McNeill, Ralph Wagner, J. H. Mifflin and W. H. Mitchell; also Rev. Kenneth L. Bowser.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

The following persons, desiring membership were received by letter-

Mr. George B. Hepburn- Letter from St. Paul's Methodist Church, City.
Mrs. George B. Hepburn (Patricia J.) " " "

A prayer of blessing was offered by Mr. C. J. Elderfield.

The meeting then adjourned to attend the Communion Service.

J. H. Mifflin
J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

DISMISSALS-

December 1, 1951-

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pollock- to Westminster Presbyterian Church
St. Petersburg, Florida.

TOTAL NEW MEMBERS FOR DECEMBER-

Letter -----	11	
Baptism -----	1	
Confirmation -----	8	
Total	20-	(includes summary of preceding page)

DEATHS-

Mr. Lloyd Fox- Nov. 24, 1951

Dec. 3, 1951.

SESSION MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was held Monday, December 3, at 7:30 P.M.

Present:- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Elders Wm. Campbell, J. G. Marshall, T. R. McNeill, W. H. Mitchell, Albert E. Habgood, C. J. Elderfield, Walter E. Mack, J. S. Fleming, John H. Mifflin and R. H. Wagner.

Absent- Keith Demmon and J. R. Dawson.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

The minutes of the previous meeting wer read, corrected and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read, approved and filed. It follows-

RECEIPTS-

Cash on hand November 1, 1951 -----		\$ 76.73
Envelopes -----	\$ 814.72	
Voluntary Trust Fund -----	10.75	825.47
		<u>\$ 902.20</u>

DISBURSEMENTS-

Park College- gift -----	\$ 50.00	
World Council of Churches -----	25.00	
Boards of the Church -----	700.00	775.00
Cash on hand November 30, 1951 -----		<u>127.20</u>
		<u>902.20</u>

SUMMARY-

Expected Benevolences for 1951 -----	\$ 11,435.00
Amount received to date (including Y.B.) -----	<u>10,064.35</u>
	<u>\$ 1,370.65</u>

COMPARISON-

November 1951- received 105.62 more than in November 1950.
 Eleven months- 1951- 88%
 Eleven months- 1950- 90%
 Eleven months- 1949- 91%

Jean McLaren, Treasurer.

A request was made for a possible gift of \$ 25.00 for work on the campus of the University of Buffalo was laid on the table for action during the January meeting.

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that we pay \$ 40.00 towards the Niagara Falls Council of Religious Education if we have not made such a payment during the fiscal year 1951. If we have already done so, a similar payment of \$ 40.00 is to be paid for 1952 after January 1 next year. Check with Church Treasurer.

Mr. Marshall introduced the subject of how we should meet our share in the program of the National Boards for a \$ 12,000,000 Building Fund which they propose to raise. Further discussion will take place on this at the January meeting, with specific recommendations to be presented at that time.

Report of the Every Member Enrollment to date, as of Dec. 3, 1951

FOR OPERATING FUND-----\$ 27,905.80

FOR BENEVOLENT FUND----- 10,319.25

\$ 38,225.05 or approximately
91% of required total
for 1952.

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that a vote of sincere thanks for a job well done be extended to the Director of this year's Enrollment, Mr. Mark M. Templeton. This approval was expressed in person by the Pastor.

Mr. Campbell reported on the progress of the Youth Budget, reporting very encouraging results to date. Mr. Bowser's part in the development of the Promotion Program received favorable comment.

The program of the Music Committee was commented on briefly and plans for the Christmas programs are well under way.

The slate of proposed officers for the Sunday School was presented and unanimously approved for selections as proposed.

The Session authorized the Clerk to write a letter of acknowledgement to each proposed Sunday School officer in recognition of their service to the church school. Approved.

The officers are as follows-

General School-

Supt. -----Clarence Jackson
1st Asst. ----John Youel
Assoc. Supt.--Rev. Kenneth L. Bowser
Secretary-----Wm. Campbell
Asst. Sec.---- Wm. Dick

JUNIOR DEPT.

Supt.----- Jack Mills
1st Asst. -- Mrs. Kenneth L. Bowser
2nd Asst &
Sect. --- Douglas Moss

PRIMARY DEPT.

Supt. ----- Mrs. Howard McPhail
1st Asst.--- Mrs. Emmons Jaquish
2nd Asst. -- Mrs. Clarence Jackson
Sect.----- Mrs. Wm. Watson

KINDERGARTEN-

Supt.- Mrs. Fred W. Gray
1st Asst.- Mrs. Burnham Field
2nd Asst.-
Sect. Mrs. John Bullock

NURSERY-

Supt.----- Mrs. John Naill
1st Asst---Mrs. Melvin Meteer
2nd Asst.--Mrs. Webster I. Flagg

Mr. Bowser reported briefly on the activities of the various youth groups in athletic teams of boys and girls in various age groups. Mr. Bowser reported the formation of a Westminster Youth Fellowship Council in our Church.

During the year, Communion was served as follows-
Ash Wednesday- February 7-----205
(Laymen) March 4 ----- 42
March 22 -----272
June 24 -----353
October 7 -----231
December 2 ----- 423
Total ----- 1526

On Dec. 2, Communion was also served to three families or ten additional people. Total served- 1536.

FAMILY NIGHT will be held on January 9, February 13, March 12 and April 16.

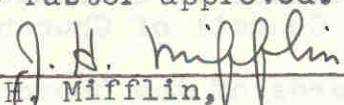
It was regularly moved and seconded and carried that we participate in a meeting to be held at the First Baptist Church looking toward the formation of a Niagara Falls Council of Churches, with the two ministers and two laymen representing our church at this meeting to discuss the subject.

Walter Mack reported briefly on the further broadening of the Group Calling Plan and his effort to date was given favorable comment and approval.

It was regularly moved and seconded and approved that the Christmas display used last year be installed again in front of the Church at a total cost of not over \$ 50.00.

The Session advises that the Annual Meeting of the Church will be called for January 28, 1952, with further information to be presented later.

The question of the appointment of an Ambassador to the Vatican was discussed briefly and action by the Pastor approved.



J. H. Mifflin,
Clerk of Session.

DISMISSALS-

- Dec. 5, 1951- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parsons to 1st Methodist Church Wedgeport, N.Y.
- Dec. 28, 1951- Mrs. Howard Parkman to Lewiston Presbyterian Church Lewiston, N.Y.

January 7, 1952.

SESSION MINUTES

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church held its regular meeting Monday, January 7, 1952, at the home of Rev. C. C. Berryhill, 162 Buffalo Avenue.

Present- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Elders Wm. Campbell, J. G. Marshall, W. H. Mitchell, A. E. Habgood, C. J. Elderfield, Walter E. Mack. Keith Demmon, J. S. Fleming, John Mifflin and R. H. Wagner. *Rev. Berryhill*

Absent- Elders J. R. Dawson and Thomas McNeill.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The report of the Benevolent Fund for the month of December was read and approved. It follows-

Cash on hand Dec. 1, 1951 ----- \$ 127.50

Envelopes ----- 1038.83

Communion Plate ----- 87.11

Gift from Philathea Class ----- 25.00

Individual Gift ----- 40.00

Individual Gift ----- 10.00

1200.94

\$ 1328.14

Youth Budget Benevolences ----- 299.30

\$ 1627.44

Disbursements-

Presbytery of Buffalo-Niagara to complete

quota to Camp Duffield ----- \$ 107.00

Buffalo Council of Churches-College Work Dept. 25.00

N.Y.State Council of Churches- a Special appeal 20.00

b Charlton School 25.00

To the Boards of the Church- a Church -1051.14

b Y. Bud. 299.30 1350.14

1527.44

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1951 ----- 100.00

1627.44

SUMMARY-

Expected Benevolences for 1951 ----- 11,435.00

Amount received in 1951- Church - 10,910.14

Youth Bud. 654.45 11,564.59

Amount exceeding budget ----- 129.59

COMPARISON-

In December 1951 - received \$ 36.54 more than Dec. 1950.

TWELVE MONTHS BUDGET- 1951- 101.1%

1950- 103.9%

1949- 100.6%

STATEMENT OF GIVING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY-

Approved Benevolences for 1951-

Total amount to the Boards and Agencies-

Church ----- \$ 9826.14

Youth Budget ----- 654.45 10480.59

Self allocation ----- 9500.00

Amount exceeding quota ----- 980.59

J. McLaren.

Mr. Marshall reported on the proposed plan for raising our share of the \$ 12,000,000 Building Fund requested by our National Boards. Several concrete plans were proposed for speakers and a director. Mr. John Edwards was proposed. It was suggested that we accept a quota of \$ 8000.00, and hopefully plan to raise \$ 8400.00

It was regularly moved, seconded and passed that the Session approve the recommendations of the Finance Committee as noted above. Passed.

The Finance Committee made the following distributions and asks that recommendations be approved.

New York State Council of Churches-----	\$ 45.00
Balance of Quota to Camp Duffield -----	107.00
Buffalo Council of Churches, College Work--	50.00

It was recommended that we participate again this year in the "One Great Hour of Sharing." It was regularly moved and seconded that the program be approved. Passed. Date of special program is March 23rd.

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the amount of our self allocation for benevolences for 1952 be left to the Finance Committee for final action.

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the Clerk be requested to write and thank Robert Donovan for his work in the design of our new church calendar. Approved.

There was a brief discussion of the steps to make a success of the Annual Church Meeting. It was decided that the Pastor should be requested to ask some group to serve lunch after the annual meeting.

It was regularly moved, seconded and passed that the clerk be instructed to secure a delegate to the annual meeting of Presbytery.

<u>Pastor's Fund Report-</u>	Balance Sept 4, 1951-----	\$ 232.78
	Expended -----	201.00
	Received -----	227.00
	Balance Jan. 7, 1952 -----	258.73

Mr. Dawson requested that some one complete the work of binding the Pulpit Bible. Mr. Haggood accepted the responsibility.

Following this meeting, a Joint meeting of Session and Trustees was held.

JOINT MEETING

The Pastor explained that the roster of Church officers and organizations appears regularly in the information racks and that it may be published at irregular intervals in the bulletin.

Mr. Baeckler reported on the Every Member Enrollment for 1952.

Mr. Templeton, Director, Keith Demmon and Albert Habgood, associate directors, reported the following accomplishment in subscriptions-

\$ 30,035.75	Operating Fund
11,196.65	Benevolences
<u>\$ 41,232.40</u>	Total- which is 98.17 % of the Budget.
	Number of pledges- 498. Average \$ 82.90.

Mr. Marshall explained briefly the \$ 12,000,000 Building program to provide new churches and assistance to 8 Presbyterian Seminaries throughout the United States. The program outlined briefly earlier in separate session meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Gailey, seconded by Mr. Baeckler that the action of the finance committee of Session in setting up the organization for raising this fund be approved. Mr. Berryhill and Mr. Baeckler will act jointly to establish the committee.

Mr. Berryhill raised the question of the parking lot beyond the hotel and it was decided that this was a private matter.

Mr. Tatomer raised the question of writing to Washington in regard to an Ambassador to the Vatican.

It was regularly moved and seconded that a committee of five be appointed by the minister and the chairman of the Board of Trustees at the annual meeting to act as a permanent planning committee looking toward future developments in building, church development, etc.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Elderfield.

Deaths-

A.D. Hurlbut- Dec. 22, 1951

Mrs. Robert McVean-
Dec. 27, 1951

J. H. Mifflin
J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING

SESSION- Jan. 27, 1952.

A special meeting of the Session was called on Sunday morning, January 27, immediately following the morning worship.

Present- Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Elders W. E. Mack, C. J. Elderfield, R. H. Wagner, Keith Demmon, W. H. Mitchell, T. R. McNeill, A. E. Habgood and J. H. Mifflin.

Absent- Elders Wm. Campbell, J. G. Marshall, Stuart Fleming and C.E. Jackson.

The resignation of Thomas R. McNeill having been received, a motion was duly made and seconded that his resignation from the Session of the First Presbyterian Church be accepted with regret. Passed.

The meeting was closed with prayer by C. J. Elderfield and W. H. Mitchell.

J. H. Mifflin
J. H. Mifflin, Clerk.

ANNUAL MEETING

January 28, 1952.

The ANNUAL MEETING of the First Presbyterian Society of Niagara was opened at 7:58 P.M. with the call for the meeting read by the Pastor, Moderator of the meeting.

Prayer was offered by the Pastor.

Mr. Baeckler and Mr. Field were nominated as Chairmen of the meeting. Mr. Baeckler withdrew. On motion duly made by Mr. Demmon and duly seconded, the Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Mr. Field to act as Chairman of the corporation meeting. The corporation meeting opened at 8:05 P.M.

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of candidates for Trustees for a term of three years-

Mrs. Kenneth Garrecht, Mr. David Robertson, Mr. Loren Skinner, Mr. Fred Van Liew.

It was moved by Dr. Rooker and duly seconded that the report of the Nominating Committee be duly received. Passed.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Miss Jean McLaren, Church Treasurer. Mr. Demmon moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson that the Treasurer's report be received and filed. Passed.

Mr. Baeckler commented briefly on the Every Member Enrollment budget and complimented Mr. Templeton and his committee on the splendid job they did.

A committee for future planning for church development was named as follows- Keith Demmon, Chairman, Alpheus Phelps, John Youel, Mrs. Robert Nicol and Mr. Elton Hall.

It was regularly moved, seconded and passed that the committee as constituted above be duly approved.

It was regularly moved, seconded and passed that a sixth member be added to this committee and Mr. Baeckler was duly selected and accepted the responsibility.

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate for members of the Session for a term of three years-

Norman Duffett, Howard McPhail, Howard Morrill, Ralph C. Snowdon and E. W. Jewett for a term of two years to fill out the term of T. R. McNeill, resigned.

It was moved by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Mitchell that the Clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for the election of the slate of Elders as nominated above. Carried.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

ANNUAL MEETING- continued

Jan. 28, 1952

The Pastor called attention to the reports included in the pamphlet, and recommended the acceptance of these reports. It was duly moved and seconded that the reports as presented in the pamphlet be approved. Passed.

The Pastor led in prayer in memory of those of our congregation who were called by death during the year 1951.

The Pastor commented briefly on various hopes for the further growth and strengthening of various phases of our church life.

A film strip, "Seek Ye First" was shown by Mr. Bowser.

Mr. Edwards reported briefly on the \$ 12,000,000.00 Building Fund of the Presbyterian Church, of which our share is \$ 8400.00.

At this point Mr. Field took over and presented the slate of Trustees as previously nominated. It was moved, seconded and carried that the clerk cast one ballot for the Trustees for the period designated.

The following persons were nominated to act as the Nominating Committee for next year-

FROM SESSION- C. J. Elderfield and A. E. Habgood.

FROM TRUSTEES- A. J. Gailey and Mrs. H. A. Norton.

FOR CHURCH AT LARGE- Walter Baekler and Mrs. George Brooks.

The Clerk was duly instructed to cast one ballot for the slate as above as Nominating Committee for the ensuing year.

Mr. Look suggested that the thought be given to presenting a more extensive slate of potential officers for the ensuing year.

Mr. Edwards suggested that we extend a vote of confidence to our Pastors. It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that a vote of confidence be extended to the Pastors.

The minutes were read, and it was moved seconded and carried that they be approved as read.

The meeting was closed with the benediction by Rev. Kenneth L. Bowser.

J. H. Mifflin
J. H. MIFFLIN, CLERK.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

February 4, 1952

SESSION MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was held Monday evening, February 4, at 7:30 o'clock.

Present- Moderator the Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and the Rev. Kenneth L. Bowser- Also- Elders Norman Duffett, Howard McPhail, E. W. Jewett, Wm. Campbell, J.G.Marshall, W.H.Mitchell, A.E.Habgood, C.J.Elderfield, W.E.Mack and Keith Demmon.

Absent- Elders H.E.Morrill and R. C. Snowdon.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Charles C. Berryhill.

The organization of the Session for 1952 was approved as follows-

*Clerk- A.E.Habgood *

Pulpit- R.C.Snowdon, C.J.Elderfield, Howard A. McPhail

Finance- J.G.Marshall, A.E.Habgood, H.E.Morrill

Music- E.W.Jewett, H.E.Morrill, R.C.Snowdon.

Sunday Church School and Young People- Keith Demmon, Wm. Campbell,
Howard McPhail

Adult Program- Norman Duffett, J.G.Marshall, W.H.Mitchell

Communion- W.H.Mitchell, Norman Duffett, A.E.Habgood, W.E.Mack
R.C.Snowdon

Special and Week Day Services- W.E.Mack, Keith Demmon, Norman Duffett,
A. E. Habgood

Evangelism and Membership- H.E.Morrill, A.E.Habgood, Howard A. McPhail,
R.C.Snowdon.

Pastor's Fund- C.J.Elderfield, J.G.Marshall

Council of Religious Education- William Campbell.

Ushers- Keith Demmon.

*J. G. Marshall placed the name of A. E. Habgood in nomination for Clerk. Keith Demmon seconded. There being no other nominations, C.J. Elderfield moved the nominations be closed and that the Temporary Clerk cast one ballott for the election of Mr. Habgood. Carried. Mr. Berryhill declared Mr. Habgood elected. As he had not yet arrived, the Temporary Clerk continued to take the minutes.

Committee names as given above were then read.

The Moderator requested the Committee on Adult program make a survey of all adult classes and organizations and report at the March meeting. He also requested the Committee on Sunday School and Young People to make a survey of all such groups and report at the April meeting.

Mr. Berryhill announced that Mr. Bowser would like to take two weeks of his vacation from February 11 to 25. Session approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. It follows-

Receipts- Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1952-----	\$ 100.00	
Envelopes -----	2026.74	\$ 2126.74

Disbursements-

1- Presbytery Buffalo-Niagara		
Budget B- 1st quarter -----	\$ 250.00	
2- To the Boards of the Church ----	1700.00	
	1950.00	
Cash on hand -----Jan. 31, 1952 ---	176.74	\$ 2126.74

SUMMARY-

Expected Benevolences in 1952 -----	\$ 12350.00
Amount to be collected -----	10323.26
Collected in January -----	\$ 2026.74

COMPARISON-

In January 1952- received \$ 406.09 more than in January 1951.

January 1952-----	16.4%
" 1951-----	14.1%
" 1950-----	14.4%

J. McLaren, Treasurer.

Mr. Bowser brought a recommendation from the Teachers and Officers of the Church School that a position of Youth Superintendent be created and that Mr. Robert Emmick be appointed to fill the position during 1952. Mr. Demmon moved and Mr. Elderfield seconded that the recommendation be accepted. Carried.

Mr. Bowser also stated that the Teachers and Officers recommended that a Church Publicity Committee be appointed. Moved by Mr. Habgood that the recommendation be approved. Seconded by Mr. Demmon. Carried. Mr. Berryhill is to announce the names of the committee at the next regular meeting of the Session.

A report of the activities of the Boy Scouts was read by Mr. Berryhill.

The Session approved the request of Mr. Berryhill that the Religious Fellowship of the city hold a Communion Service in our Church Ash Wednesday, February 27th.

The Committee on Special and Week Day Services reported on the programs for the February, March and April Family Nights.

Mr. Berryhill reported that new members would be taken into the church at the morning service Sunday, March 2nd.

The Session approved the use of our church for Noon Day Services and lunches Tuesday through Friday of Holy Week.

Mr. Habgood made a report on Displaced Persons of which committee he is Chairman.

It was moved by Mr. Demmon and seconded by Mr. Campbell that the report be accepted and the recommendations laid on the table until the next regular meeting of the Session, (This report is on file with Mr. Habgood's other material on Displaced Persons.) The motion was carried.

Mr. Berryhill reported that books for church workers had been ordered and received. It was moved by Mr. Habgood, seconded by Mr. Duffett that the Session approve the appointment of a Library Committee. Carried. Mr. Berryhill to appoint and report at the next regular meeting of the Session.

It was moved by Mr. Demmon and seconded by Mr. Elderfield that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Stuart Felming for the gift of robes for the Westminster Choir. Carried. (Mr. Habgood to write this letter)

February 4, 1952.
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Mr. Jewett, the new chairman of the Music Committee was asked to take over the matter of securing risers for the Westminster Choir.

At the next regular meeting of the Session, we are to discuss the matter of the adequacy of Congregational Information in the Church Bulletin.

A letter from Dr. George Bost was read regarding the organization of a local Council of Churches. The matter was discussed at some length. There was quite a difference of opinion whether the church should act on this matter at this time. Finally, Mr. Campbell moved and Mr. Duffett seconded that this church approve the formation of a Council of Protestant Evangelical Churches in this city. Mr. Demmon moved that the matter be laid on the table until the next regular meeting of the Session. There being no second, to Mr. Demmon's motion, the Moderator declared Mr. Campbell's motion in order. The vote was 6 in favor of the motion, 2 opposed, and 2 not voting. The Moderator declared the motion carried. Mr. W. E. Mack was appointed a lay member of this church to attend the meeting at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon, February 10, with power to act for the church at the meeting.

An excerpt from the letter, showing the purpose of the council follows-

"The purpose of the proposed Council will be determined by the representatives of the churches, but the following statement in the constitution of a certain council is suggestive:

- 1- To express in all possible ways the essential unity of the Christian Church.
- 2- To provide an interdenominational agency for co-operation of the churches of _____ in Christian education, evangelism, comity, stewardship, social relations, fellowship, worship, and in local expressions of the world missionary movement, and in such other manner as may achieve more effectively the objectives of the Christian religion.
- 3- To study the religious needs of the city and its environs and to devise plans wherever cooperative action may assist the churches to meet those needs."

It was regularly moved and seconded and carried that the Committee on Week Day and Special meetings conduct a Social Supper for the members of the active Trustees and their wives or husbands and for all Elders and their wives.

The Moderator appointed Mr. Marshall and Dr. Snowdon a Committee to make plans for Laymen to attend the Presbytery meetings during 1952. Mr. Mitchell was elected to represent the Session at the February meeting.

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Joseph Dawson for his work in connection with getting the Pulpit Bible repaired, rebound and in usable order. Mr. Mitchell was appointed to see that the recommendations re the upkeep of the Bible be carried out.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Mr. Marshall.

Clement E. Hagood Clerk.

March 2, 1952.

SPECIAL MEETING

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church held a special meeting Sunday morning, following the regular church service.

Present- Moderator Rev. Charles C. C. Berryhill, Rev. Kenneth L. Bowser.
Elders- Norman Duffett, W. H. Mitchell, C. J. Elderfield,
J. G. Marshall, Howard McPhail, W. E. Mack, Keith Demmon,
Wm. Campbell, A. E. Habgood.

X ABSENT- Elders- Stuart Fleming, H. E. Morrill, E. W. Jewett.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Berryhill.

The following persons presented themselves desiring membership in this church:-

Mr. Harold Reagan- letter from First Presbyterian Church, Ashtabula, Ohio.
Mrs. Harold Reagan-letter from First Presbyterian Church, Ashtabula, Ohio.
(Frances)

Mr. Frank V. McMillan, Jr., First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, Tenn.
Mrs. Frank McMillan- (Joan Yearwood)-First Presbyterian Church,
Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Mr. Charles N. Ward- First Presbyterian Church, Fostoria, Ohio.
Mrs. Charles N. Ward (Hazel)- First Congregational Church-
Homer, New York.

Mr. E. W. Griffin, Jr.
Mrs. E. W. Griffin, Jr.

It was moved, seconded and carried that these people be accepted into membership.

The following became members by affirmation of faith-

Mr. John Morgan (Baptism)
Mrs. Jessie Munro
Mrs. Elizabeth LaCore

It was regularly moved seconded and carried that these people be accepted into membership.

Mr. Marshall offered prayer.

The meeting was closed with blessing by Mr. Berryhill.

A. E. Habgood
A. E. Habgood, Clerk.

DISMISSALS- beginning 1952-

Jan. 21- Mrs. G.H. Milne (nee Pauline Campbell) Memorial Church
Montreal, Quebec.

Feb. 8- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stryker- Bacon Memorial- City.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh T. Reid- The Old Stone Church, Cleveland, Ohio
1st Presbyterian Society in Cleveland.

March 3, 1952.

SESSION MEETING

The regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was held Monday, March 3, at 7:30 P.M.

Present- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Rev. Kenneth L. Bowser.

Elders- Norman Duffett, Howard McPhail, Wm. Campbell, J.G. Marshall, W. H. Mitchell, A. E. Habgood, C.J. Elderfield, W. E. Mack and Keith Demmon.

Absent- Elders E. W. Jewett, Dr. R. C. Snowdom and H. E. Morrill.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Berryhill.

The minutes of the regular session meeting held on February 4 and the special meeting on March 2 were read and approved.

The Treasurer's Report for February was read and ordered filed- It follows-

Receipts- Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1952	-----	\$ 176.74
Envelopes	-----	552.37
		<u>\$ 729.11</u>

Disbursements-

To the Boards of the Church	-----	\$ 600.00
Cash on hand Feb. 29, 1952	-----	129.11
		<u>\$ 729.11</u>

Summary-

Expected Benevolences in 1952	-----	\$ 12,350.00
Amount to be collected	-----	9,770.89

Comparison-In February 1952, received \$ 114.54 less than in Feb. 1951.

Two months- 1952	-----	20.8%
1951	-----	20.0%
1950	-----	20.3%

Jean McLaren, Treas.

BUILDING FUNDS CAMPAIGN-

Mr. Berryhill reported the progress of the plans for the Building Funds Campaign. He said that the pledges would be collected on Sunday, April 20, at which service Dr. C. Barbour will be our guest Minister. Follow up of subscriptions not already turned in at that time will subsequently be made.

LAYMEN'S ASSOCIATION- EVERYMAN PLAN-

Richard Shubert, Ralph Wallace and Howard McPhail presented the following plan-

"The Directors and Members of the Laymen's Association of the Church have been vitally interested for some time in the adoption of the Every Man Plan as presented by the National Council of Presbyterian Men. At a recent meeting of the Directors of the Laymen's Association, a committee was appointed to present this proposition to the Session.

It is the opinion of the committee that the Every Man Plan is a sensible workable system whereby the men of the church can be reached and used in the work of the church; and it is the purpose of this committee tonight to ask the Session to move the adoption of The Every Man Plan for our church, thereby making every man of our church a member of the National Council of Presbyterian Men.

Briefly, The Every Man Plan is a plan to: reach every man in the Church, to use every man in the church, to strengthen every man's faith, and to produce manpower for the church. This plan has proved successful primarily due to the fact that it is a plan whereby the men of the church are divided into groups of five men, one of whom is the unit leader for his group. It then becomes the duty of the unit leader to lead the four men of his unit into the work and worship of the church.

In order for this plan to have the proper opportunity to succeed, every man in the church should be a member of the National Council of Presbyterian Men. In the past, the Laymen's Association has paid the assesment which amounts to \$.50 per man. With the approval of this plan by the Session, this situation would not prove satisfactory in the future, since only the members of the Laymen's Association would actually be members of the National Council and be a part of the Every Man Plan and the National Organization. It is felt by this committee that upon the approval of this plan, the Session and the Executive Committee of the Every Man Plan should work together and decide how and by what means this assesment is to be paid.

Upon the approval of this plan, the Directors and members of the Laymen's Association are ready and willing to take the necessary steps to organize the plan and to complete the necessary details to put the plan in operation.

The Committee would appreciate a decision on this rproposal in a reasonable length of time, since the ground work involved is considerable, and most essential to the success of the plan.

Respectfully submitted by the Laymen's Association of the First Presbyterian Church, March 3, 1952."

Signed by the committee:

Ralph Wallace
Richard C. Shubert
Howard A. McPhail

After some discussion of this project, Mr. McPhail moved and it was seconded by Mr. Demmon and carried that this plan be adopted.

In the discussion which followed, it was brought out than every man who is a member of the church and all new male members joining the church would automatically become members of the Every Man Plan and dues of \$.50 per man would be paid to the National Council of Presbyterian Men by the Church.

ATHLETIC PROGRAM

Keith Demmon reported that a committee meeting had been held and progress had been made.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The question of the purchase of a duplicator for the Sunday School was discussed briefly and it was decided to bring the matter up at the next meeting.

ADULT PROGRAM

Mr. Duffett reported that he had talked with all of the heads of each group and had asked each one for a report on any ~~projects~~ ^{are being planned}. He will report further at the next meeting. The question was raised about "Who is an adult?" and it was agreed that anyone over 14 years of age was an adult. *about 14 years ago*

MEMBERS WHO ARE ILL

Favorable comments were made about the names of members who are ill being contained in the church bulletin. Everyone was urged ~~de~~ to visit these members when they can do so.

COMMUNION

Mr. Berryhill congratulated Wm. Mitchell and his committee on the handling of the recent communion services.

The next communion will be held on April 10 in the evening.

There will be a Session meeting after the regular church service on Sunday, April 6, to receive new members.

There will be a Session meeting following the Preparatory Service on Wednesday, April 9th.

PASTOR'S FUND

Mr. Berryhill reported on an expenditure of \$ 12.00 during the months of January and February 1952. The balance as of the 1st of March is \$ 245.73.

Mr. Berryhill asked for a policy concerning monies collected at the Holy Week Service. It has been the practice in the past that the money, less the expense of these meetings be put in the safe. The amount of this money was not shown any where in the Treasurer's book. Mr. Berryhill recommended that \$ 100.00 of this money be placed in the One Great Hour of Sharing Fund and the balance placed in the Pastor's Fund, and a record of these transactions should be made by the Treasurer. A motion was made by Mr. Mack, seconded by Mr. Berryhill and carried that this be done. The Clerk was instructed to notify the Treasurer of this action of Session.

USHERS

Mr. Elderfield suggested that the ushers should be at their places at twenty minutes to eleven o'clock on Sunday mornings. Mr. Demmon was instructed to ask them to be there at that time.

DISPLACED PERSONS

Mr. Norman Duffett reported the results of his investigation in relation to this matter. He stated that although the dead line for securing visas for D.P.'s to come to this country was Dec. 31, 1951, many who have secured these visas have not as yet been able to secure passage.

Mr. Berryhill said that he had been advised that if we would deal through our church headquarters in New York City, we would in all probability be able to secure a desirable family group and have a month's notification before they arrived.

It was decided to postpone this matter until the next meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Berryhill told of sending a telegram of congratulation to Drummond Hill Presbyterian Church at Niagara Falls, Ontario on their 150th Anniversary.

The Members of Session were reminded of the meeting to be held on March 10th at Lafayette Presbyterian Church, Buffalo, at which meeting Dr. Harrison Anderson, Moderator of the General Assembly, will speak.

Sarah Sahid asked to have her name taken from the membership roster of the church. Norman Duffett moved, J.G. Marshall seconded and the motion was carried that this be done.

Mr. Mack was asked by Session to continue as representative to the organization of local Council of Churches.

Mr. Berryhill have the names of the Library Committee- Marjorie Williams, Florence Wales, Howard A. McPhail, Inez C. McKellips.

Mr. Berryhill reported that A. E. Habgood was elected as alternate delegate to the General Assembly to be held in New York City in May, 1952.

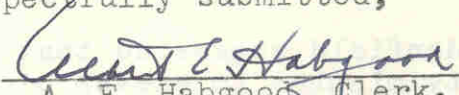
Mr. Marshall drew attention to the bulletin that it has not contained the names of the officers of the church lately. Mr. Berryhill said it would be contained in next Sunday's bulletin and would be shown every 4th Sunday hereafter.

Mr. Berryhill asked permission for the Blue Birds to use the Sunday School room on Wednesday afternoon. Any action on this was postponed until later. The question of liability insurance to cover persons using the church building was brought up and Mr. Mack was asked to investigate.

Mr. J. G. Marshall and Dr. R. C. Snowdon were assigned to the Presbytery meeting for April.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Mr. C. J. Elderfield.

Respectfully submitted,


A. E. Habgood, Clerk.

April 6, 1952

A special meeting of the Session was called Sunday morning, April 6, preceding the Morning Service, to receive members of the Communicants' Class into church membership.

Present- Moderator Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Rev. Kenneth L. Bowser.
Elders E. W. Jewett, Wm. Campbell, Howard McPhail, Keith Demmon,
W. H. Mitchell, W. E. Mack, Norman Duffett and A. E. Habgood,
C. J. Elderfield.
Absent- Elders Howard E. Morrill, R. C. Snowdon,

The following members were duly received into membership of the church-
by Profession of Faith- PROFESSION AND BAPTISM

Robert George Brooks
Joyce Mable Beckett
Catharine Jean Bovier
Duncan S. Cruickshank
Joan M. Cruickshank
Jean B. Cruickshank
George M. Cruickshank
Janet Merrell Garrecht
Patricia D. Landis
David R. Look
Donald Howard McPhail
Roger Bruce McPhail
Carolyn Morrill Neff
Frank Field Searles III
Emily Gilbert Wallace

Christopher Paterson Brown
David Anderson McGowan
Joyce Ann Mong
Rosemary Ann Naill
Margaret Ellen Pedlow
Douglas Pike

The Session met again following the morning service to receive new members-

The following persons were upon motion duly made, seconded and carried received into membership

BY LETTER-

Mr. Wilbert A. Bethem,
Mrs. Katherine Bethem
Letter from 1st Presbyterian
Church- Belle Vernon, Pa.

Mr. Wm. R. Niehaus
Mrs. Pat Niehaus
Letter Kings Highway Pres.
St. Louis, Mo.

Mrs. Alan Swan- New Salem Pres. Church
Delmont, Pa. ~~Mrs. Louise Macdonald~~

Mrs. Louise Macdonald- Letter Falls View Pres.
Falls View, W. Va

Miss Frances Macdonald

Mrs. Alice M. Shimer- Latham Methodist
Latham, Illinois.

Mrs. Robert Newman- St. Stephens Episcopal
Niagara Falls, N.Y.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mr. A. E. Habgood.

PROFESSION AND REAFFIRMATION

Mrs. Elizabeth Barnes
Mrs. Mattie H. Shaunessy
Mr. John R. Paus

Albert Habgood Clerk.

April 10, 1952.

SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting was called before Communion Thursday evening, April 10.

Present- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Rev. Kenneth L. Bowser.

Elders- Norman Duffett, Howard A. McPhail, E. W. Jewett, Wm. Campbell, W. H. Mitchell, A. E. Habgood, C. J. Elderfield, Walter E. Mack, Keith Demmon .

Absent- Elders R.C.Snowdon, J. G. Marshall and H.E.Morrill.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Macdonald were received by letter from the University Presbyterian Church, Buffalo, New York.

The Session then went to the Communion Service and were dismissed with the benediction at the close of this service.

A. E. Habgood
A. E. Habgood, Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING

April 9, 1952

A special meeting of the Session was called following the Preparatory Service Wednesday evening, April 9, 1952 to receive new members-

Present- Moderator Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Rev. Kenneth L. Bowser.

Absent- Elders Howard McPhail, E. W. Jewett, R.C.Snowdon, William Campbell, J.G.Marshall and Keith Demmon.

The following persons desiring membership were duly received.

By Letter-

W. McMaster Clarke- Letter from 1st United Presbyterian Church Jamestown, Pa.

Miss Margaret Warrick- Letter from Houtzdale Presbyterian Church Houtzdale, Pa.

RECONFESSION OR CONFESSION OF FAITH

Miss Betty Barnes - baptized

Miss Margaret Burford

Mrs. W. McMaster Clarke- baptized

Miss Dorothy Doyle- baptized

Mrs. Jeanie Graham

Mrs. Walter James, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Russell

The business meeting then followed (see next page)

April 9, 1952

The Session met following the Preparatory Service Wednesday evening, April 9, 1952.

Present- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Rev. Kenneth L. Bowser

Elders- Messrs. Norman Duffett, Howard McPhail, W. H. Mitchell, A.E.Habgood, C.J.Elderfield and W.E.Mack.

Absent- Elders- Messrs. Howard McPhail, E. W. Jewett, R. C. Snowdon, Wm. Campbell, J.G.Marshall and Keith Demmon.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 9:00 P.M.

The minutes of the March 3 meeting were read and approved with correction.

The Treasurer's report was read and ordered filed. It follows-

RECEIPTS-

Cash on hand March 1, 1952 ----- \$ 129.11

Envelopes ----- \$ 994.59

U.S.Bond- Young Legacy ----- 18.75

1013.34

\$ 1142.45

DISBURSEMENTS-

To the Board of the Church ----- \$ 1000.00

Cash on hand March 31, 1952 ----- 142.45

\$ 1142.45

SUMMARY-

Expected Benevolences in 1952 ----- \$ 12,350.00

Amount to be collected ----- 8,757.55

COMPARISON-

In March 1952 received \$ 13.23 more than in March 1951.

THREE MONTHS- 1952- 29.0 %

1951- 28.7 %

1950- 25.7 %

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING -

Receipts- From former Good Friday Offerings ----- \$ 100.00

March 1952 contribution ----- 458.48

\$ 558.48

Sent to Central Receiving Agency for

Boards of the Church ----- \$ 558.48

Jean McLaren, Treasurer.

PULPIT COMMITTEE Mr. Berryhill reported that Dr. Clifford E. Barbour would be invited to preach on Sunday, April 20th. An honorarium of \$ 30.00 was ordered paid to Dr. Barbour. Approval of a payment of \$ 35.00 to Ralph H. Wagner, Jr. who talked on April 20 was passed.

April 9, con.

It was approved to invite the Royal Order of Moose Sunday, May 25 at 4:00 P.M. This will be in connection with the Convention to be held in Niagara Falls.

SUNDAY SCHOOL YOUNG PEOPLE'S COUNCIL- Mr. Bowser reported that it is being planned to have young people's council give out church bulletins to those of the congregation who enter from the north door. Mr. Bowser also mentioned that another project of the young people is the suggestion that a small newspaper carrying news of interest to the congregation be published and sent as a service to the congregation and also as a means of raising money.

Mr. McPhail gave a very favorable report on the activities of Fellow-Ship 66. He also complemented the job being done by Mr. Bowser among the young people.

Mr. Berryhill reported that Mr. W. McMaster Clarke is doing a good job with the Boy Scouts. Mr. Adin Chase is also taking a very active part in Scout work.

It was also reported that the Scouts were experiencing some difficulty in raising enough funds for camping outfits. Mr. Norman Duffett suggested that perhaps a notice in the church bulletin might bring in some Scout equipment.

Mr. Berryhill brought attention to the family party to be held on April 16.

Mr. Berryhill called attention to the Presbytery Meeting to be held on April 22 at 2:00 P.M. Dr. Morse, who is heading up the Building Funds Committee Campaign would be present. Mr. Duffett was asked to find a layman representative to attend the meeting.

It was decided to write to the Niagara Transit Company to thank them for their courtesy in providing transportation to those attending Church on Sunday during Lent.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with prayer.

A. E. Habgood
A. E. Habgood, Clerk.

DISMISSALS- 13

3/26/52 Mr. and Mrs. Avery Walker, Anne and Lorna Fae Walker to Lewiston Presbyterian Church-

3/27/52 Mrs. Eunice Scott Siverson- 1st Presbyterian- Houston, Texas.
Mrs. W. E. Hauth, Jr. St. John's Lutheran Church, Melrose Park, Philadelphia March 29, 1952.

4/1/52- Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Parenteau- Riverside Presbyterian- City.

4/1/52- Mr. Franklin Phillips- Riverside Presbyterian, City.

4/2/52- Mrs. Helen Smythe (nee Helen Davis)-1st Presbyterian, East Aurora, N.Y.

4/5/52- Mrs. Harold Powers (nee Martha Brown) Presbyterian Church, Chelsea Mich.

4/7/52- Mr. Donald Roberson- Bacon Memorial Presbyterian Church- City.

4/26/52- Miss A. Olive Common- St. Andrews United Church, Niagara Falls, Ont.

May 5, 1952.

SESSION MINUTES

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church held its regular meeting Monday, May 5, at 7:30 P.M.

Present- Moderator Rev. Charles C. Berryhill, Assistant Pastor, Rev. Kenneth L. Bowser and Elders Norman Duffett, Howard McPhail, Howard Morrill, E. W. Jewett, R. C. Snowdon, J.G. Marshall, A. E. Habgood, C. J. Elderfield, W. E. Mack and Keith Demmon.

Absent- Wm Campbell (out of city)

The Session was opened with prayer by Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill.

The reading of the minutes of the three previous meetings were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and ordered filed. See at closing of minutes. The work of Mr. John Edwards and his Building Funds Campaign Committee was highly commended. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Edwards conveying the thanks of the members of the Session for a job well done.

The Moderator asked permission for Mr. Bowser to have two weeks vacation, beginning May 12, also to grant permission for Mr. Bowser to take over the service at Pierce Avenue on May 11th.

Mr. Bowser was granted permission to attend a training conference of Directors of Christian Education, sponsored by the Synod, at Lisle, New York, for two days, May 6 and 7. The expenses of the trip would be borne by the Adult Training Fund.

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that guest ministers would be supplied for three Sundays during Mr. Berryhill's vacation in August, Mr. Bowser would preach the other two Sundays during Mr. Berryhill's absence.

It was regularly moved and carried that Mr. Jewett be authorized to purchase caps for the Westminster Choir, Mrs. Martin to be consulted as to color and material.

The subject of extra remuneration for Mrs. Endres for rehearsals for the Westminster Choir was discussed, and it was agreed that the Music Committee should bring a full report on the subject at the next Session meeting.

The Clerk was instructed to write a letter to Mr. Cruickshank for the donation of the trophies which were presented to the girls' basket ball team.

Mr. Keith Demmon brought up the subject of mixed classes in Sunday School as a means of keeping more of the young ^{men} interested. A motion was made and carried that the Session would not object to considering boys and girls Sunday School classes if the leaders feel it is wise to do so.

Mr. Bowser again brought up the question of a college scholarship, but asked that further study should be made and brought up again at the next meeting.

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May 5, con.

Mr. Bowser described the idea that a newspaper run by the young people of the church which would contain a pastoral message, statistics, church news, reports on all organizations, personality of the week.

The name would be First Press. It would be issued every two weeks and sell for five cents per copy. After much discussion, Mr. Bowser was authorized to go ahead with the project. It was also thought advisable to purchase a duplicator.

A letter from Ann Schoepflin was read asking for support as President of the Student Christian Movement Conference at Cooperstown, June 5-12. The Moderator asked that consideration be given, allowing \$ 21.00 for her expenses. It was regularly moved and carried that the money be made available for this purpose.

The Moderator asked Mr. Norman Duffett to have his committee observe whether our church is in line with our adult ministry; the distribution of flowers for instance.

Mr. W. H. Mitchell reported that 384 took communion on Thursday, April 10.

The next communion will be the last Sunday in June- (June 29)

Mr. W.E.Mack reported re- church officers' dinner as Wednesday, May 21st.

A part of the Adult program included the election of officers for the Laymen's Association. The new officers are-

President- Ralph Wallace

Vice President- Howard McPhail

Secretary- W. H. Stark

Treasurer- Bruce Macdonald

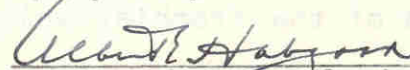
Reporting on Evangelism, Mr. Berryhill said he would get the names of prospective members to Mr. Morrill before Communion.

Mr. H. Morrill registered a protest as to the condition of the alley south of the church. The matter was referred to the Trustees.

Mr. Keith Demmon brought up the subject of 10:00 A.M. Sunday morning service. This was ordered placed before the Pulpit Committee for consideration.

Mr. Berryhill asked for consideration of planning conference to be brought up at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M. with prayer by Norman Duffett.


A. E. Habgood, Clerk.

DISMISSALS- Mrs. Russell Boettner (nee Jean Van Liew- May 12, 1952 to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Menomonie, Wis.

*- TREASURER'S REPORT FOR APRIL 1952.

RECEIPTS- Cash on hand April 1, 1952 -----	\$ 142.45
Envelopes-----	1082.54
Communion -----	125.46
Easter Envelopes -----	147.03
	<u>1355.03</u>
	\$ 1497.48

DISBURSEMENTS-

1- To the Board of the Church -----	\$ 1100.00
2- To Presbytery of Buffalo-Niagara, Bud. A, 2nd Qr. -----	250.00
	<u>\$ 1350.00</u>
Cash on hand April 30, 1952 -----	147.48
	<u>\$ 1497.48</u>

SUMMARY-

Expected Benevolences-1952 -----	\$ 12350.00
Received to date -----	4947.48
Amount to be collected -----	<u>\$ 7402.52</u>

Comparison-

In April 1952, received \$ 392.50 more than in April 1951.
 Four months- 1952- 40%
 1951- 37%
 1950- 38%

One Great Hour of Sharing-

Receipts- From former Good Friday Offering -----	\$ 100.00
March 1952- contributions -----	458.48
April 1952- contributions -----	<u>12.78</u>
Total sent to Central Receiving	
Agency for Boards of the Church -----	\$ 571.26

 Jean McLaren, Treas.

1952- DEATHS-

Wm. Kremers- January 4- 1952
 Elizabeth Guinther- January 8- 1952
 Fred B. Hill - February 8, 1952
 Elizabeth Willson- March 14, 1952
 Mrs. F. I. Pierce April 7, 1952

BUILDING FUNDS CAMPAIGN REPORT

- 1- Total amount of pledged to date (May 4m 1952) ----7544.75
 - 2- Number of pledges received -----206
- Note- These figures do not include
Women's Missionary Society.

REPORT FOR APRIL, 1952

Receipts ----- \$ 916.00

Disbursements-

Postage -----	\$ 36.00
Traveling expense Dr. Barbour-	45.00
Hotel Expense- Dr. Barbour --	20.10
Printing, stationery, cards---	71.28
	<u>172.38</u>

Sent to Building Funds

Commission --- 743.62 \$ 916.00

Jean McLaren, Treas.

June 2, 1952

SESSION MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Session was held on Monday, June 2, at 7:30 P.M.

Present- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Rev. Kenneth L. Bowser: Also Elders Norman Duffett, Howard Morrill, E. W. Jewett, Dr. R.C. Snowden, J. G. Marshall, W. H. Mitchall, A. E. Habgood, C. J. Elderfield, Walter E. Mack and Keith Demmon.

Absent- William Campbell.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Morrill.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Moderator gave a general report of the Building Funds Campaign throughout the country.

The financial report was read which follows-

Receipts- Cash on hand May 1, 1952	-----	\$ 147.48
Envelopes	-----	663.31
Easter Envelopes	-----	2.00
Voluntary Trust Dividend	-----	12.50
		<u>677.81</u>
		\$ 825.29

DISBURSEMENTS-

To Boards of the Church	-----	\$ 700.00
Cash on hand May 31, 1952	-----	125.29
		<u>\$ 825.29</u>

SUMMARY*

Expected Benevolences in 1952	-----	\$ 12,350.00
Received to date	-----	5,625.29
		<u>6,724.71</u>

COMPARISON-

In May, 1952 received	\$ 61.60 more than in May 1951
Five months- 1952-	45.5 %
1951-	42.5 %
1950-	43.6 %

FINANCIAL REPORT BUILDING FUNDS CAMPAIGN -for this church.

I- Total Amount of Pledges	-----	\$ 9869.75
II- Number of written pledges	-----	235

SUMMARY- April-May, 1952.

RECEIPTS- In April	-----	\$ 916.00
In May	-----	1340.50
		<u>\$2256.50</u>

DISBURSEMENTS-

Expenses in April (listed last time)	-----	\$ 172.38
To Building Funds Commission-		
In April	-----	743.62
In May	-----	1340.50
		<u>2084.12</u>
		\$ 2256.50

Jean McLaren, Treasurer.

THE PULPIT COMMITTEE brought up the question of early church services on Sunday during the summer. After considerable discussion, there was no conclusion reached.

Mr. Berryhill asked permission to leave one week earlier than planned for his vacation and return one week earlier. A motion was made and seconded and carried that permission be granted.

Mr. Jewett reported re caps for the Westminster Choir. He said he gave permission to Mrs. Martin to purchase these caps.

Mr. Bowser reported on Sunday School scholarship.

Mr. Bowser reported that the first issue of "First Press" would be published about June 15. The staff of the "First Press" are as follows- Editor, Gail Summerfield; Assistant Editor, Denice Van Liew; Business Manager, Janet Vanderlip.

Mr. Berryhill reported re the plans for the Laymen's Association for 1952-1953, particularly the Every Man Plan.

Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, June 29. No Preparatory Service is planned for this Communion; Session meeting would be held after the regular service June 22 and another session meeting was planned for 10:30 A.M. on Sunday, June 29 prior to the regular Sunday Services. This Session Meeting to be held for the purpose of meeting those who desire to unite with the church.

Mr. W. E. Mack and his committee which planned the church officers dinner were commended for the excellent job done. A vote of thanks was given to Elizabeth Mitchell for a very enjoyable moving picture of her trip through the West.

Keith Demmon reported that Elders who welcome on Sundays so not get there on time. It was agreed that Elders should be at the doors between half past ten and ten forty five o'clock.

Mr. W. E. Mack brought up the problem of ventilation of the church. After discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Mack and Mr. Berryhill would check with Mr. Strachan and plan the proper ventilation procedure to be followed.

Howard McPhail reported for the Laymen's Association. He asked for consideration by the Session of the inclusion of an item in the budget for \$ 150.00 which would be approximately the amount required for \$.50 per Layman member. It was moved by Howard Morrill, seconded by Keith Demmon and carried that this amount should be included in the budget for 1952-1953.

PLANNING CONFERENCE- Mr. Morrill and Dr. R. C. Snowdon were appointed to plan the "PLANNING CONFERENCE" to be held during July, the place preferably to be in some other vicinity.


Mr. Berryhill asked the opinion of Session regarding the possibility of holding a Training Conference for ministers in Niagara Falls. The reaction of Session was favorable.

Mr. Berryhill reported that the next meeting of Presbytery would be held in Springville, an afternoon and evening meeting scheduled. Dr. Snowdon was asked to attend. Mr. Berryhill announced the appointment of Harold Guthrie as Chairman of Publicity Committee. Also the appointment of Robert Donovan as Chairman of Poster Club Committee.

Attention of the Session was drawn to the good job of painting the Minister's office, done by members of the Fellow-Ship 66 Club. The Session ordered the Clerk to write a letter of appreciation.

The Clerk asked that some action be taken with reference to the D. P. Committee's discharge. It was regularly moved by Mr. Duffett, seconded and carried that this committee should be discharged with thanks and a letter directed to Displaced Persons Department in New York City notifying of such action and of cancellation of assurance for a family, be sent.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 P.M. with prayer by Mr. Norman Duffett.


A.E. Habgood, Clerk.

DISMISSALS- June 10- Charles Gregory- Westmoor Church of Christ
Kingstown, Pa.
June 11- John Allen- Plymouth Congregational Church
Syracuse, N.Y.
June 12- George Maxwell Hoak- Hapeville Presbyterian
Church, Hapeville, Georgia.
June 30- Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. McNeill, First Presbyter-
an Church, Marietta, Ohio.

June 22, 1952.

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING

A special meeting of the Session was called after the Morning Service June 22, 1952.

Present- Wm. Campbell, Norman Duffett, C. J. Elderfield, Howard McPhail, E. W. Jewett, H. E. Morrill, J. G. Marshall, R. C. Snowdon, W. H. Mitchell, and W. E. Mack. Also Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill and Rev. Kenneth L. Bowser.

Absent- Keith Demmon and A. E. Habgood.

The following persons were received into membership from the Presbyterian Church of Staunton, Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Knopp

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Good were received into membership on reaffirmation of Faith.

It was moved and seconded that we pay the membership fee of \$ 10.00 to the Niagara Falls Council of Churches. Carried.

It was moved and carried that Mr. Bowser be permitted to accept an invitation to conduct the services at the Bacon Memorial Church Sunday morning, July 7th.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

W. E. Mack, Clerk Pro Tem

June 29, 1952.

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING

A Session meeting was held prior to the service on Sunday, June 29, 1952

Present- Moderator, Rev. C. C. Berryhill, William Mitchell, Norman Duffett, C. J. Elderfield, Howard McPhail, E. W. Jewett and A. E. Habgood.

Absent- H.E.Morrill, R.C.Snowdon, W.E.Mack, Keith Demmon, Wm. Campbell, J.G.Marshall,

The following persons were received into membership on reaffirmation of Faith-

Mr. and Mrs. George Green- 1831 South Ave. (Mrs. Barbara) ^{MRS GREEN} BY LETTER
Miss Muriel Mallette- 1918 10th St.

Mr. Berryhill suggested that the regular Session meeting would be held prior to the regular service on Sunday, July 6 at 10:00 A.M. The Elders present were unanimously in favor of this suggestion.

The meeting then adjourned to Communion, and meeting closed with the benediction.

A. E. Habgood A. E. Habgood, Clerk.

July 6, 1952

The regular meeting of the Session was held July 6, prior to the regular service.

PRESENT- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Elders W. E. Mack, E. W. Jewett, A. E. Habgood, Keith Demmon, Howard McPhail, W. H. Mitchell, William Campbell, Norman Duffett, J. G. Marshall, C. J. Elderfield, H. E. Morrill and R. C. Snowdon.

Absent- Keith Demmon

Mr. Berryhill opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the June 2, June 22 and June 29 meetings were read and approved.

Mr. Berryhill asked for an expression of opinion of the Session re the amount subscribed for the Building Funds Campaign. The amount pledged by the members was \$ 10,064.00; the accepted quota was \$ 8,000.00. The consensus of opinion was that because there would be a shrinkage of 5 % and also because there were expenses of \$ 179.00, that this would reduce the net amount subscribed to approximately \$ 9385.00, that it would be unwise to report any amount higher than the amount reported- i.e. \$ 8000.00.

It was regularly moved and carried that the church continue the purchase of subscriptions to Presbyterian Life for all the membership of the church. It was agreed that for the sum of 4¢ per issue, it was a very worthwhile investment.

It was regularly moved and carried that Mr. Bowser be given permission to take the first week of his vacation beginning July 14th.

Mr. Berryhill announced progress on the Every Man Plan. He reported that Walter Baekler was elected Chairman for the project and a meeting was scheduled for July 15th.

Mr. Berryhill announced the planning conference would be held in Pekin Methodist Church on Sunday, July 20 from 5:00-8:00 P.M. He asked that as many members of the Session attend as would be possible.

Mr. Marshall reported that the holder for the communion glass in his section was very dirty. This was referred to the Board of Trustees.

The next Session meeting was planned for September 8 on account of the first of September being Labor Day.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Mr. Habgood.


A. E. Habgood, Clerk.

DEATHS-

Mrs. Margaret Newman- July 6, 1952
Mr. Clarence H. Trow- July 7, 1952.
Gaylord Guenther- Aug. 1, 1952.
David Laughlin- Aug. 14, 1952
Rodney Magee- Aug. 13, 1952.
Mrs. Jennie Bragdon- Sept. 1, 1952.

NO DISMISSALS since last report.

September 8, 1952

SESSION MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Session was held Monday, September 8, at 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill, Rev. Kenneth L. Bowser and Elders- Norman Duffett, Howard McPhail, H. E. Morrill, E. W. Jewett, R. C. Snowdon, Wm. Campbell, J. G. Marshall, W. H. Mitchell, A. E. Habgood, C. J. Elderfield, Keith Demmon.

ABSENT- W. E. Mack.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Berryhill. The minutes of the regular meeting of July 6 were read and approved, July and

The Treasurer's reports for August was read and ordered filed. It follows:-

Receipts- Cash on hand July 1, 1952 ----- \$ 109.43

Envelopes- July-----	\$ 652.79	
August -----	<u>871.56</u>	<u>1524.35</u>
		1633.78

Disbursements-

1- Boards of the Church ----- \$ 900.00

2- Presbytery Tax- Third Quarter

Budget "A" ----- 305.00

Budget "B" ----- 250.00 555.00

\$1455.00

Cash on hand August 31, 1952 ----- 178.78

\$ 1633.78

Summary-

Expected Benevolences in 1952 ----- \$12,350.00

Received to date ----- 7,980.78

Amount to be collected ----- \$ 4,369.22

Comparison-

In July 1952 received \$ 341.27 less than in July 1951.

In August received 369.22 more than in August, 1951.

Percent Benevolence Receipts-

	7 months	8 months
1952 -----	57.5%	64.6%
1951 -----	57.3%	61.6%
1950 -----	57.9%	62.2%

Jean McLaren, Treas.

The Building Fund report was read and ordered filed.

PULPIT COMMITTEE:-Discussion re responsibility of entertaining visiting ministers brought out the decision that the Pulpit Committee was responsible for the hospitality of all visiting ministers.

DR. THOMAS- A letter was read from the Board of Foreign Missions telling of the tentative appointment of Rev. David H. Thomas to a position other than Foreign Missions. It was regularly moved by Mr. Morrill, seconded by Mr. Campbell and carried that Dr. Snowdon should report at the October meeting as to the possibility of the

support that was given to Mr. Thomas as Foreign Missionary be transferred to another missionary. This to be contingent upon the verification of Mr. Thomas' appointment.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - The Budget for 1953 should be presented to the Session Meeting in October.

Mr. Campbell was asked to prepare and present the Youth Budget for 1953 at the October meeting.

Mr. Bowser was asked to prepare an itemized list of needs of finance and for sports.

THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING was scheduled for October 15th.

MUSIC COMMITTEE- A letter from Mrs. Wm. Campbell was read asking permission for Janet Campbell to practice on the church organ. Dr. Snowdon moved and motion was seconded and carried that permission be granted to Janet to use the organ at no cost to her. The Clerk was ordered to write a letter to Janet informing her of the Session's decision.

Mrs. Brumburg asked that more space be given to the members of the choir for dressing. This matter was ordered given to the Trustees for their action.

It was unanimously agreed that the Teachers' Training Course at St. Paul's Methodist Church was an excellent undertaking.

ADULT EDUCATION- Mr. McPhail reported that the Laymen's Association plans for 1953-54 season were being completed. It was also reported that no person had been selected to take the place of Walter Baekler as head of the Every Man Plan.

COMMUNION- October 5.

Preparatory Service was scheduled for Friday, October 3rd.

It was agreed that two communion services be tried this year for World Wide Communion- one service in the morning at the regular time and another at 7:45 P.M.

Mr. Mitchell was granted permission to purchase five dozen additional Communion glasses.

New members will be met on September 28 and after Preparatory Service on October 3rd.

EVANGELISM- Mr. Berryhill announced that the Training Conference for Ministers would be held in Niagara Falls, New York, December 2-4. The ministers will be taken care of for two nights.

Dr. Snowdon was appointed as layman representative at Presbytery on September 16th.

PARISH VISITATION is scheduled to begin on Sunday, September 21 and continue through the week beginning September 28.

It was decided to add Council of Churches to bulletin.

It was agreed that there should be two adult representatives and alternate and one youth representative to represent the church on the Council of Churches.

September 8, con.

BOARD OF DEACONS- The proposal that a Board of Deacons be created and that the present Session be increased to 15 was discussed at length with the result that a motion was made by Mr. Morrill, seconded by Mr. Elderfield and carried that this be recommended by the Session at the Congregational Meeting October 15th.

Mr. Berryhill announced that a Mass Meeting will be held in St. Paul's Methodist Church at 8:00 P.M. with Dr. Stanley Jones as speaker on Tuesday, September 30.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Mr. Bowser and Mr. Duffett.

Albert E. Habgood
Albert E. Habgood
Clerk.

DISMISSALS-

- 9/12 Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Forbes to 1st Presbyterian Church, Marietta, Ohio.
- 9/12 Mrs. Edna Maguire Cole- to Kingsway-Lambton United Church, Toronto, Ont
- 9/16 Mr. and Mrs. Natale DeAugustine to Bacon Memorial Church, City.
- 9/22 Mrs. Elizabeth Pritchard- to Westminster Presbyterian Church,
Pasadena, California.
- 9/25 Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Fountain- to 1st Presbyterian Church,
Clarksburg, W. Virginia
- 9/25 Mrs. Arthur Narr (nee Yvonne Fix) to Bryn Mawr Park Presbyterian
Church, Yonkers, N.Y.

October 3, 1952

SPECIAL MEETING

The Session met following the Preparatory Service October 3, 1952.

PRESENT- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and K.L. Bowser.
Elders, Howard McPhail, E. W. Jewett, R. C. Snowdon, Wm. Campbell,
J. G. Marshall, W. H. Mitchell, A. E. Habgood, C. J. Elderfield,
W. E. Mack.

ABSENT- Elders H. E. Morrill, Keith Demmon and Norman Duffett.

Mr. Robert J. McNair was received into membership by Profession of Faith after baptism during the service.

Prayer was offered by Mr. Elderfield.

The meeting was close with prayer by the Pastor.

APPROVED

The Presbytery of Buffalo-Niagara

Frederick M. Hebbes

Moderator

Date Oct. 21 1952

Albert E. Habgood
Albert E. Habgood, Clerk.

October 3, 1952.

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church met after the service October 3, 1952.

Present- Moderator Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Elders J.G. Marshall, Howard McPhail, E. W. Jewett, R. C. Snowden, Wm. Campbell, W.H. Mitchell, A.E. Habgood, C. J. Elderfield, W.E. Mack.

Absent- Elders H. E. Morrill, Keith Demmon and Norman Duffett.

Robert J. McNair was received into membership by profession of faith after baptism during the Preparatory Service which preceded the meeting.

Prayer was offered by Mr. Elderfield.

The meeting was closed with prayer by the Pastor.

Albert E. Habgood, Clerk.

Albert E. Habgood

October 5, 1952.

SPECIAL MEETING

A Special Meeting of the Session was held in the minister's study on October 5, at 10:30 A.M. preceding the morning worship service.

Present- Moderator Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Elders, Howard McPhail, C. J. Elderfield, A. E. Habgood, E. W. Jewett, W. H. Mitchell, Norman Duffett, R. C. Snowden and W. E. Mack.

Absent- Keith Demmon, Wm. Campbell and H. E. Morrill.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Berryhill.

The following persons were received into membership by letter-

Mr. Harry L. Hazelett - Letter from United Church of Canada.

Mrs. Harry L. Hazelett (Winifred) - United Church of Canada

Restored- Mrs. Annie Laubocker Shaw.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mr. Habgood.

Albert E. Habgood
Albert E. Habgood, Clerk.

SUMMARY MEMBERS IN OCTOBER-

Letter -----2
Baptism -----1
Restored -----1

REGULAR SESSION MEETING

The regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was held on Monday evening, October 6, at 7:30 P.M.

Present- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill; also Rev. Kenneth L. Bowser and Elders- Norman Duffett, Howard McPhail, E. W. Jewett, Wm. Campbell, J. G. Marshall, W. H. Mitchell, A. E. Habgood, C. J. Elderfield, W. E. Mack, Keith Demmon.

Absent- R. C. Snowdon and H. E. Morrill.
The meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The minutes of the Session meetings of September were read and approved with minor correction.

The Treasurer's report for August was read and ordered filed.

The Building Fund report was made and ordered filed.

Mr. Berryhill announced that he would be at State College on Sunday, October 19.

Mr. Jewett reported for the Music Committee. There was a discussion as to how to secure more boys for the Westminster Choir. (He also said that the choir would not participate in the services.)

(Correction- Eliminate- last sentence)

Mr. Bowser reported for Sunday School and Youth Activities. He told of the request of the young people for a duplicator machine. A motion was made by Mr. Jewett, seconded and carried that the session recommend to the trustees that the duplicator be purchased.

Mr. Bowser also reported on the program of First Press and also gave financial condition of the youth group.

Mr. Wm. Mitchell gave a report on Communion Service. He said that 1540 persons were served communion during the year 1952. Next Communion will be on December 7th.

The committee on special services was reminded that Family Night would begin in January 1953.

It was regularly moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded and carried that the ushers would be supplied with real carnations instead of the artificial ones now being used.

The question as to the Creation of a Board of Deacons was discussed and was regularly moved by Mr. Campbell seconded and carried that the Session recommend that such a board be created and that the recommendation be placed before the congregational meeting on Wednesday, October 15. It was also suggested that the duties of the deacons should be described by the minister to the congregation during church service.

The question of the advisability of enlarging the Session to fifteen members was discussed and it was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded and carried that this recommendation be placed before the congregational meeting October 15th.


It was regularly moved by Keith Demmon, seconded and carried that the session approve the repairs to be made to the seats on the pulpit and that the possibility of these seats being turned around so that they will be at right angles to the choir rail and facing toward the center of the pulpit.

After considerable discussion, a motion was made by Keith Demmon seconded and carried that the operating budget controlled by the Session and the Benevolent Budget as presented by Mr. Marshall, Chairman of the Finance Committee, be accepted.

Mr. Marshall made a motion and it was seconded and carried that Mr. Bowser be given the sum of \$ 125.00 to purchase athletic supplies and other necessary expenses incurred for the athletic program of the church. This amount was to be taken from the contingent fund.

Mr. Duffett was asked to attend the next Presbytery meeting to be held at East Aurora.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mr. Duffett and Mr. Bowser.


A. E. Habgood, Clerk.

JOINT MEETING OF SESSION AND TRUSTEES

October 15, 1952.

Present Mr. Berryhill, William Mitchell, W. E. Mack, Norman Duffett, Mae Nicol, J.G. Marshall, A.R. Phelps, A.J. Gailey, C.J. Elderfield, Albert Habgood.

Mr. Berryhill opened the meeting with prayer.

Alpheus Phelps presented the Proposed Budget, Operating Fund for 1953 controlled by the Trustees.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the budget as presented be accepted.

James Marshall presented the Proposed Budget -Operating Fund for 1953 controlled by the Session; also the proposed budget for the Benevolent Fund for 1953.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the budgets controlled by the Session as presented by Mr. Marshall be approved.

The meeting was closed with prayer at 7:45 P.M.

ANNUAL MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 1952

The Annual Meeting of the Society of the First Presbyterian Church of Niagara Falls, New York, was called to order on Wednesday, October 15, 1952, at 7:55 p.m. in the Chapel of the church edifice by the Rev. Charles C. Berryhill.

The meeting opened with the singing of a hymn, followed by prayer, and the reading of the Call to Meeting by Mr. Berryhill, acting as moderator.

The moderator then called the first order of business which was the election of a meeting chairman. Thereupon it was moved by A. E. Habgood, seconded and carried, that Mr. Andrew J. Gailey be nominated and elected. Mr. Ralph Wagner moved that nominations be closed and Mr. Gailey was declared nominated.

Mr. Gailey then presided at the meeting.

Mr. Habgood, as Clerk of Session, was called upon and announced that he had requested Mrs. Ruth M. Ginther to record the Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Gailey proceeded to call for presentation of budgets. Mrs. Emma Campbell, substituting for her husband, Mr. Wm. Campbell, presented the Proposed Youth Budget, in which she indicated an increase from \$ 2650 in 1952 to \$ 2800 in 1953. Complete copies of all budgets were available to those attending the meeting. Therefore, Mrs. Campbell considered the various items on this budget in presenting it and those attending were able to follow the mimeograph copies. At the conclusion Mrs. Robert Nicol moved, seconded by Mr. Dwight Allen, that the Youth Budget be accepted. Carried.

Mr. Alpheus Phelps next presented the Operating Budget. In considering the various items involved, Mr. Phelps pointed out that this budget had increased approximately 4.5% over the previous. He further pointed out that this was in measure due to (1) increased cost of utilities, (2) increased insurance to cover manse, and an item of \$ 300.00 to cover assistance for the Treasurer. Mr. Phelps further complimented Miss Jean McLaren, Church Treasurer for having prepared and presented to the Trustees an itemized statement of expenditures approximately monthly for the past year. At the conclusion, Mr. C. J. Elderfield moved the acceptance of this budget. It was seconded by Mr. N. Duffett, and carried.

At this point, Mr. Phelps called upon Mrs. Nicol for explanation of a special item of approximately \$ 2000. not included in the budget, to cover beautification of the church grounds. Mrs. Nicol said this item had been withheld to obtain the consensus of opinion since the subject had been under consideration for about three years. She further indicated that while many suggestions had been received, no definite plan had been evolved for (a) complete re-landscaping of the various grass plots surrounding the church building, (b) erection of an ornamental iron fence, (c) erection of any other type of enclosure, (d) or the possibility of extending the concrete sidewalk to the edifice.

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She further stated that any one of these ideas, or any other that might be suggested, would call for a definite plan of action to accompany it, and until such time as a plan was presented, the inclusion of a stipulated amount to the budget to cover, was a responsibility the Trustees did not wish to assume.

At this point, Chairman Gailey suggested that presentation of budgets continue and that time would be given later to a thorough discussion of the project of beautifying the Church grounds.

Mr. Marshall then presented the Porposed Budget of Benevolent Funds for 1953. He then called upon Mr. Berryhill for a brief explanation of the self-allocation principle. This is a principle now recommended by the General Assembly wherein each church decides or computes what it should give to the Benevolent program of the Church. i.e. to consider the giving strength and then in the light of this support the program of the General Assembly. The object of the principle, as propounded by the General Assembly, is that ultimately the aim of each church should be to give 50% of its operating funds to Benevolence. Upon questioning, Mr. Berryhill indicated that the First Presbyterian Society was presently operating on approximately 32.5% and rated about 3rd highest in the local Presbytery consisting of 60 churches.

Mr. W. McCulloh moved, seconded by Mr. N. Duffett, that the budget be accepted as presented. Carried.

Chairman Gailey thereupon summarized the total of budgets approved by the meeting:

Youth Budget -----	\$ 2800.00
Operating Budget-	
Trustees -----	15835.00
Operating Budget-	
Session -----	18962.00
Benevolent Budget ----	<u>13630.00</u>
	\$ 51217.00

Upon reference to the beautification project, various persons present spoke in favor of the project including Mrs. W.J.B. Brown, Mr. C. E. Dodimead, C. J. Elderfield, M. M. Templeton, N. Duffett, A. E. Habgood, J. G. Marshall and Rev. Charles C. Berryhill. Mr. D. Allen then moved, seconded by Mr. Dodimead, that "this meeting should state their expression of approval to a program for the beautification of the church grounds and the Trustees be requested, through a committee, to investigate immediately and be prepared to present a definite program of costs at the next Annual Meeting the last Monday of January, 1953."

In the absence of Mr. John Edwards, Chairman, a report was given to the effect that 25 captains have already been appointed to do the work of the Every Member Cnavass. The canvass is expected to be finished November 16th. Each Captain is presently recruiting others to assist.

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The next item of business concerned a recommendation that the number Elders be increased from 12 to 15, commensurate with the size of our Church and the duties devolved by Mr. McCulloh, seconded by Mrs. Nicol that this recommendation be approved. Carried.

on the Elders, particularly during Communion. It was moved Chairman Gailey then called A. E. Habgood to discuss the subject of the creation of a Board of Deacons. Following discussion, during which Mr. Berryhill was called upon to indicate if this procedure was a prerogative of the local church or in some way affiliated with the laws of the Presbytery, he indicated that it was a local affair. He further stated that the position of the Deacons in a church could be correlated with a training ground for further position of leadership in the church. Thereupon Mr. Habgood moved, seconded by Mrs. Miriam Linn, that a Board of Deacons be created in the local First Presbyterian Church to a number of 12. Carried.

Mr. M. M. Templeton then moved, seconded by Mr. N. Duffett, that the rotary system of election be practiced, the organization be set up in three classes, and the usual service for Deacons be a term of three years. Carried.

The business of the meeting concluded, Mr. W. McCulloh, moved, seconded by Mr. N. Duffett, the meeting be adjourned. Carried.

Ruth M. Ginther
Meeting Secretary

A. J. Gailey
Meeting Chairman

A. E. Habgood
A. E. Habgood
Clerk of the Session

November 3, 1952

REGULAR SESSION MEETING

The regular meeting of the Session was held Monday evening, November 3, at 7:30 P.M.

Present- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Elders- Norman Duffett, Howard McPhail, H. E. Morrill, E. W. Jewett, R. C. Snowdon, James G. Marshall, W. H. Mitchell, Albert E. Habgood, C. J. Elderfield, W. E. Mack and Keith Demmon.

Absent- Wm. Campbell.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Berryhill,

Minutes of Session meeting of October 6 were read and approved after minor correction: i.e. Strike out the sentence "He also said that the choir would not participate in the Services."

The Building Funds Report was read and approved and ordered filed.

The Treasurer's report was read and ordered filed. These reports follow-

BUILDING FUNDS-

1- Total amount of pledges -----	\$ 10,064.95
2- Number of Pledges- 240	
3- Receipts to October 1, 1952 -----	3,650.20
October 1952 receipts -----	472.50
	<u>\$ 4,122.70</u>
4- Disbursements-	
A- Expenses -----	179.38
1- April through September, 1952	
	\$ 2470.82
2- October 1952 -----	472.50
	<u>3943.32</u>
	<u>4122.70</u>

Jean McLaren, Treasurer.

BENEVOLENT FUND for October 1952

RECEIPTS-

Cash on hand Oct. 1, 1952 -----	\$112.87
Envelopes -----	1013.14
Communion Plate -----	69.16
	<u>1082.30</u>
	<u>1195.17</u>
Youth Budget Benevolences -----	75.00
	<u>1270.17</u>

DISBURSEMENTS-

Presbytery Tax- Fourth Quarter

Budget A -----	\$ 305.00	
Budget B -----	175.00	
Youth Budget -----	75.00	\$ 555.00
To the Boards of the Church -----		500.00
		<u>1055.00</u>
Cash on hand October 31, 1952-----		215.17
		<u>\$ 1270.17</u>

SUMMARY-

Expected Benevolences in 1952 -----	\$ 12,350.00
Received to date (including Y.B.) -----	10,272.89
Amount to be collected -----	<u>\$ 2,077.11</u>

COMPARISON-

In October 1952, received (including Y.B.) \$ 58.21 less than
in October 1952.

Ten months- 1952- 83.1%
Ten months- 1951- 80.7%
Ten months- 1950- 83.3%

Jean McLaren, Treasurer.

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Mr. Berryhill reported on Training Conference for ministers to be held in Niagara Falls on December 2,3 and 4, 170 ministers are expected to attend.

A motion was made by Mr. Morrill, seconded by Keith Demmon and carried that \$ 20.00 be taken from contingencies fund to meet our share of expense.

A motion was made by Norman Duffett, seconded by C. J. Elderfield that Ralph Wagner, Jr. and Philip Fletcher be presented with a suitable book at Christmas, the price of this book not to exceed \$ 10.00. Carried.

Mr. K. Burr McGhee, skipper of Fellow Ship 66, made a request that permission be given to this group to provide a nursery service during church services so as to allow young couples to attend church. On motion by Mr. Morrill, seconded by Keith Demmon and carried, permission was granted for this group to use the room west of the kitchen for this purpose.

Mr. Jewett recommended that twelve white collars and thirty caps be purchased for the Westminster choir at a cost of \$ 139.40.

A motion was made by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Morrill and carried that these be purchased.

Mr. Jewett recommended that Mrs. Endres be paid at the rate of \$ 4.00 per week as actual compensation for extra services for the Westminster Choir. It was moved by Dr. Snowdon, seconded by Mr. Elderfield that this be done. Carried.

This motion was amended - Mr. Demmon moved that the following sentence be added- "It is understood that this is a temporary arrangement." Both amendment and original motion was carried.

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continued.

Keith Demmon asked for the sum of \$ 75.00 for expenses incurred for Athletic program. Upon motion of J. G. Marshall, seconded by H. E. Morrill, and carried, this payment was approved. It was directed that this amount be taken from contingencies.

Keith Demmon recommended that the Athletic Board should consist of five members instead of fourteen because the large number was unweildly. These members were recommended to serve on this Board-

- 1- Elder from Young People and Sunday School Committee of Session.
- 2- Assistant Minister
- 3- Trustee
- 4- Two appointed by minister from congregation.

A motion was made by Mr. Morrill, seconded by Mr. Mack and carried that this recommendation be accepted.

Boy Scout Troop Committee requested that the Laymen's Association should be asked to sponsor their program. Mr. H. McPhail was asked to contact the Laymen's Association and bring a report to the next Session meeting.

The Clerk was instructed to write a letter to Mack Clarke thanking him for his excellent work on this committee. It was asked that the letter also contain the thanks of the Session to his assistants, Ronald Castle and R. E. Ellis.

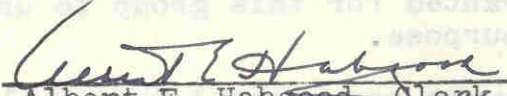
The next Communion was announced to be held Sunday, December 7.

The Moderator recommended ~~that~~ this request of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Strang to have their names taken from the church roll be granted. It was moved by Mr. Morrill, seconded by Mr. Duffett that this be done. Carried.

Keith Demmon recommended that white carnations or poms be purchased each Sunday for the ushers at a net cost of \$ 2.00 per Sunday.

It was moved by Mr. Morrill, seconded by Mr. Duffett and carried that this be done. The Clerk was instructed to write to MacDonalds' Flower Shop to verify this arrangement.

The Session meeting was closed with prayer by Mr. Duffett at 10:05 p.m.


Albert E. Habgood, Clerk.

November 30, 1952.

A special meeting of the Session was held following the regular service on Sunday, November 20, 1952 to receive new members into church membership.

Present- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Elders C. J. Elderfield, A. E. Habgood, W. H. Mitchell, J. G. Marshall, Howard McPhail, R. C. Snowdon, Wm. Campbell and E. W. Jewett, H.E. Morrill, W. E. Mack.

Absent:- Elders Keith Demmon and Norman Duffett.

The following persons were received into membership by letter-

Mr. Frederick Federlein- from Central Presbyterian Church, Buffalo
Mrs. Frederick (Enid) Federlein- from Central Presbyterian Church, Buffalo.

Mrs. Richard (Gwendolyn) Greenwood from the United Church of Canada (Haileybury)

Miss Nancy Saunders from the Swarthmore Presbyterian Church, Swarthmore, Pa.

By Reaffirmation of Faith-

Mrs. V. Dickinson

Mr. Richard C. Barber
Mrs. Richard (Shirley) Barber

Robert A. Irvine
Mrs. Robert (Hazel) Irvine

A prayer of blessing was offered by Mr. Charles J. Elderfield.

Mr. Berryhill recommended that the regular monthly Session meeting would be held on Friday directly after the Preparatory Service. It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that this recommendation be accepted.

The meeting was closed with benediction by Rev. Charles C. Berryhill.

A. E. Habgood
A. E. Habgood Clerk.

DISMISSALS- Mrs. Margaret Scully- Knox Pres. Church, Cincinnati-Oct. 25
Mrs. Jos. Bane- Church of the Redeemer-Niagara Falls-Nov. 12
Arthur Sandstrum-Elbridge Com. Church-Elbridge, N.Y.-Nov. 19
Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cole- 1st Presbyterian-Skaneateles, N.Y.
Dec. 3

Dec. 4 Mr. and Mrs. V.L. Hansley & Carole-Mariemont Com. Cincin. O.
Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Fountain- 1st Pres. Clarksburg, W. Va. Dec 4

December 5, 1952

SPECIAL MEETING

A meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was held after Preparatory Service December 5, 1952.

Present- Moderator Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Rev. Kenneth L. Bowser also Elders- R. C. Snowdon, H. E. Morrill, W. E. Mack, W.H. Mitchell, Keith Demmon, Wm. Campbell, A. E. Habgood, Howard McPhail.

Absent- Elders Norman Duffett, C. J. Elderfield and J. G. Marshall.

The minutes of the Session meeting of November 3 was read and approved.

The Treasurer's report for November was read and filed- It follows-

Receipts- Cash on hand Nov. 1, 1952-----	\$ 215.17
Envelopes-----	1175.83
Voluntary Trust Fund-----	10.75
Gift- Philathea Class-----	25.00
	<u>1211.58</u>
	\$ 1426.75
Disbursements-	
1- New Life Schools (Conference of Ministers)-----	\$ 20.00
2- Park College, Parkville, Mo. -----	50.00
3- World Council of Churches- Gift -----	40.00
4- Boards of the Church -----	1200.00
	<u>1310.00</u>
Cash on hand November 30, 1952 -----	116.75
	\$ 1426.75

SUMMARY-

Expected Benevolences in 1952 -----	12,350.00
Received to date (including Y.B.) -----	11,484.47
Amount to be collected -----	865.53

COMPARISON-

In November 1952, received \$ 386.11 more than in Nov. 1951.

ELEVEN MONTHS- 1952---	92%
1951---	88%
1950---	90%

BUILDING FUNDS FOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN U.S.A.

I- Total amount of pledges-----	\$ 10,064.95
II- Number of pledges-----	240
III- Receipts to Nov. 1, 1952-----	4,122.70
Receipts in November -----	448.00
	<u>\$ 4,570.70</u>

DISBURSEMENTS-

A- Expenses -----	179.38
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B- To Building Funds Commission-	
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1 April through October, 1952	
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2-November 1952-----	448.00
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Jean McLaren,
Treasurer.

Session Minutes-
con. Dec. 5, 1952

Dr. Snowdon reported that he had talked with Mrs. Brown, President of the Missionary Society and Mr. Berryhill relative to the support of Mr. Pommerski as missionary in Brazil. This support would be the same as was given to Mr. Thomas in former years. The support would be provided for a period of three years. It was decided to present the matter for decision and action at the Annual Meeting on January 26th.

Mr. Mitchell moved and Mr. Morrill seconded that this recommendation be made. Carried.

Keith Demmon reported for the Church Schools and presented nominations for officers of the Church School as follows-

General Superintendent- C. E. Jackson
Assistant Superintendent- John Youel
Associate Superintendent- Rev. Kenneth L. Bowser
Secretary- William Campbell

Junior Department-

Superintendent- Jack Mills
1st Asst " Mrs. Kenneth Bowser
2nd Asst. " Mrs. Alfred Mycock

Primary Department-

Superintendent- Mrs. H. McPhail
1st Asst " Mrs. C. E. Jackson
2nd Asst. " Mrs. Lewis Smith
Secretary - Mrs. Watson

Kindergarten-

Superintendent- Mrs. Fred Keeler
1st Asst. " Mrs. Betty Mitchell
2nd Asst. " Mrs. Geo. Cruickshank
Secretary- Mrs. John Bullock
Pianist- Mrs. Forest Barter

Nursery Department

Superintendent- Mrs. Melvin Meteer
1st Asst " Mrs. Webster I. Flagg
Teachers- Mr. Brunn and Mrs. Naill

Youth Department-

Mr. Robert Emmick

A motion was made by Mr. Mack, seconded by Mr. Mitchell and carried that this list of names be approved. If further nominations are necessary, by the Christian Education Committee. ~~Mr. Berryhill recommended that~~ the Christian Education Committee should approve same.

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continued

Mr. Berryhill recommended that February 22 would be Men's Sunday.

Mr. Berryhill recommended that Union Service be held on Ash Wednesday and communion would be served in the evening.

Mr. Berryhill proposed that an extra Communion be celebrated on December 28 at 9:45 A.M. for the Junior High, Senior High and parents. After some discussion it was moved by Mr. Mack, seconded by Mr. Demmon and carried that this matter be left in the hands of the ministers and the church to plan for or object to this communion as they saw fit.

Mr. Mack reported on Family Night meetings. It was suggested that the February 11 entertainment program should be put on by the Sesqui-Centennial Committee.

Mr. Berryhill recommended that Mr. John Roberts name be taken from the church roll. This recommendation was approved.

Mr. Berryhill reported the condition of the Pastor's Fund- the previous being \$ 364.13; receipts- \$ 40.00; expended \$ 72.75; balance as of Dec. 5, \$ 331.38. It was decided to mention the fund in the church bulletin asking for donations to this fund.

The Pastor was granted permission to present in the church bulletin an appeal for gifts from organizations or individuals of the church.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 P.M. with prayer by Mr. Bowser.

A. E. Habgood
A.E. Habgood, Clerk

Dec. 5, 1952

Nov. 30
Prededing the above meeting on December 5, the Session received the following new members-

Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Barber-
Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Federlein- Letter
Mrs. Richard Greenwood (Gwendolyn)- Letter United Church of Canada
Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Irvine-
Mrs. Vivian Dickinson-
Miss Nancy Saunders- Letter Swathmore Presbyterian Church, Swathmore, Pa.
Mr. and Mrs. John McNaught- Baptism and Profession
Mr. and Mrs. George McNaught- " "

Dec. 7, 1952.

SESSION MEETING-

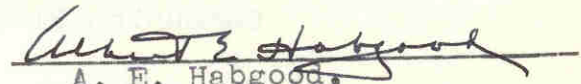
The Session met on Sunday morning, December 7, preceding the Communion Service. The following memos were received as members at their request- after prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Gustawson- Letter from Rocky River Presbyterian Church, Rocky River, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo A. Brua- Letter from Bacon Memorial Presbyterian Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Mr. Dennis Liversidge- Profession of Faith

The Meeting then adjourned to the Communion Service.


A. E. Habgood,
Clerk

DISMISSALS-

~~Mr. and Mrs. Margaret S. Sully~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~Knox Presbyterian Church~~

Dec. 8, 1952- Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dawson- to 1st Pres. Church
Watertown, N.Y.

Dec. 17- 1952

Mr. and Mrs. David Mullen- Riverside Pres. Church Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Dec. 29- 1952

Mrs. Johnine Sterrat Williams (Mrs Thomas) to Pierce Avenue
Presbyterian Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

January 5, 1953

SESSION MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was held Monday, January 5, at 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Rev. Kenneth L. Boswer. Elders Howard McPhail, Howard Morrill, E. W. Jewett, R. C. Snowden, Wm. Campbell, J. G. Marshall, W. H. Mitchell, A. E. Habgood, C. J. Elderfield, W. E. Mack and Keith Demmon.

ABSENT- Norman Duffett

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Berryhill.

The minutes of the special meeting of November 3, 1952 and the regular meeting of December 5, were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report for the month of December, 1952 was read and ordered filed. It follows-

Receipts- Cash on hand December 1, 1952 -----	\$ 116.75
Envelopes -----	776.49
Communion Plate -----	80.16
	<u>856.65</u>
	973.40
	189.09
Youth Budget -----	<u>1162.49</u>

DISBURSEMENTS-

1- Buffalo Council of Churches- for college work -----	25.00
2- To Mr. Berryhill for two books ----R.Wagner & P.Fletcher	15.50
3- Boards of the Church- a-Church-----	\$ 832.90
B-Youth Budget-----	189.09
	<u>1021.99</u>
	1062.49
	100.00
Cash on hand December 31, 1952 -----	<u>\$ 1162.49</u>

COMPARISON-

In December 1942, received 454.50 less than in December 1951

Twelve months- 1952- 101.4%
1951- 101.1%
1950- 103.9%

SUMMARY- Expected Benevolences in 1952-----	\$ 12,530.21
a- Church -----	\$ 11,865.40
b- Youth Budget -----	664.81
Amount exceeding budget -----	<u>12, 530.21</u>
	180.21

Statement of Giving to General Assembly approved Benevolences for 1952

Total amount to Boards and Agencies-	
Church -----	\$ 10,957.90
Youth Budget -----	664.81
	<u>\$ 11,622.71</u>
Self allocation for 1952 -----	9,800.00
Amount exceeding quota -----	<u>\$ 1,822.71</u>

J. McLaren, Treasurer.

The report of the Building Funds was read and ordered filed. It follows-

I- Total amount of pledges -----	\$ 10,064.95
II- Number of Pledges -----	240
III- Receipts to December 1, 1952 -----	4,570.70
Receipts in December -----	185.50
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	4,756.20
IV- DISBURSEMENTS -	
A- Expenses -----	179.38
B- To Building Funds Commission -	
1- April through November 1952-----	4391.32
2- December 1952 -----	185.50
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	4756.20

J. McLaren, Treasurer.

The fact that the giving of the church to Boards and agencies was exceeded by \$ 1822.71 was brought to the attention of the members of the Session.

It was regularly moved by Mr. Elderfield, seconded by Dr. Snowdon, that the estimate of the amount to be given to the boards and agencies should be set at \$ 10,800.00 for the year 1953.

The Niagara County Council of Churches appeal for funds was discussed and it was moved by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Mr. Campbell and carried that the sum of \$ 20.00 should be sent to them.

Mr. Campbell was instructed to investigate the work of the organization and report at the next Session meeting. Mr. Berryhill recommended that the One Great Hour of Sharing fund should be collected on March 22. This was regularly passed.

It was moved by Mr. Elderfield, seconded by Mr. Mack and carried that the Treasurer should be instructed to pay \$ 40.00 to the Council of Religious Education.

It was moved by Mr. Mack, seconded by Mr. Morrill and carried that the Moderator and Clerk should decide re/a gift of \$ 35.00 from Mrs. R.M. Mackay.

Moderator Mr. Berryhill recommended that Philip Fletcher be asked to speak on Youth Sunday January 25, the honorarium to be same as was paid to Ralph Wagner, Jr. . This amount to be plus expenses.

It was moved by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. McPhail and carried that permission be granted to Mr. Bowser to have ten days of his vacation beginning February 2.

Mr. Jewett, speaking for the music committee said that the amount paid to Mrs. Endres for playing for chorus was reduced from \$ 4.00 per week to \$ 2.00 per week.

Mr. Berryhill recommended that Men's Sunday should be held on February 15th.

Mr. Mitchell gave the following report on the number served Communion.
 Mr. Mitchell recommended the purchase of a new communion table.
 It was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Snowdon and carried that
 the communion committee investigate and report at the next session
 meeting. *(See itemized numbers below.)

Mr. Jewett was asked to report the condition of the roof over the
 organ to the Trustees for their action and to pursue it until leak is
 stopped. He was also instructed to investigate the tinny sound in the
 organ when a certain note is played.

Mr. Mack reported on the 1st Family Night to be held on January 21st.

Mrs. Howard Manchester asked that her name be removed from the
 Church roll. It was recommended that this be done.

Mr. Berryhill reported on the Pastor's Fund as follows-

Balance	12/5/52-----	\$ 331.38	
Expenses	-----	120.70	210.68
Received	-----		139.00
Balance	1/5/53 -----		349.68

Mr. C. J. Elderfield reported for the Nominating Committee. He said
 that practically all details were completed.

Mr. Berryhill announced that ordination and installation would be
 Sunday, February 1st.

Mr. Berryhill also announced that a meeting of all Boards would be
 held on March 2nd.

It was regularly moved by Mr. Morrill, seconded by Mr. Elderfield
 and carried that Mr. Mack continue as Director of Visitation. (Parish)

Wm. Campbell was named to attend Presbytery Meeting on January 27.
 E. W. Jewett was named as alternate.

It was moved by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Morrill that 2/10 of 1 %
 of operating budget for 1953 be sent to Westminster Foundation, of the
 New York Synod.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Dr. R. C. Snowdon.

A.E. Habgood, Clerk

*- April 10, 1952 -----	382
June 24, 1952 -----	259
Oct. 5, 1952 -----	417
Dec. 7, 1952 -----	416
	<u>1474</u>
Feb. 27, 1952-Ash Wed.	369
March 2-Laymen's	54
Ministers-Dec. 4 -----	57
Total -----	<u>1954</u>

February 2, 1953

SESSION MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was held on Monday evening, February 2, at 7:30 P.M.

Present- Moderator Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Elders Gordon Shingleton, Dr. A. M. Rooker, R. H. Wagner, Stephen Orne, John Guinther, Howard McPhail, H. E. Morrill, William Campbell and W. H. Mitchell.

Absent- Elders J. Stuart Fleming, Norman Duffett, E. W. Jewett, Dr. R.C. Snowdon, James G. Marshall and John B. Edwards.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Berryhill.

Mr. Berryhill outlined the committee of the Session to serve during 1953 as follows-

CLERK-

PULPIT- Dr. A.M.Rooker, J. Stuart Fleming, Howard McPhail

FINANCE- James G. Marshall, Stephen Orne, Howard E. Morrill

MUSIC- E.W.Jewett, John B. Edwards, Howard E. Morrill

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL & YOUNG PEOPLE- Howard McPhail, Wm. Campbell, Gordon Shingleton

ADULT PROGRAM- Norman Duffett, James G. Marshall, Wm. H. Mitchell.

COMMUNION- Wm. H. Mitchell, John Guinther, Dr. a. M. Rooker, Norman Duffett, Dr. Ralph Snowdon.

SPECIAL AND WEEK DAY SERVICES- Ralph H. Wagner, Stephen Orne, John Guinther, Norman Duffett.

EVANGELISM- Howard E. Morrill, John B. Edwards, & Ralph H. Wagner, Howard McPhail, Dr. R.C.Snowdon

MEMBERSHIP

PASTOR'S FUND- J. Stuart Fleming, J. G. Marshall

COUNCIL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION- William Campbell

USHERS- John B. Edwards

This was approved by Session.

It was voted to ask Dr. R. C. Snowdon to serve as Clerk of Session; Mr. Berryhill to write him for his approval.

Treasurer's report of Benevolent Fund for January 1953 was received and approved. It follows-

RECEIPTS- Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1953	-----	\$ 100.00
Envelopes	-----	2,585.69
		<u>\$ 2,685.69</u>

DISBURSEMENTS-

1- Presbytery of Buffalo-Niagara

Budget B Tax- first quarter ----- 840.00

2- New York State Council of churches- gift ----- 20.00

3- To the Boards of the Church ----- 1,700.00

2,560.00

Cash on hand January 31, 1953 ----- 125.69

\$ 2,685.68

SUMMARY-

Expected Benevolences in 1953 ----- 13,620.00

Amount to be collected ----- 11,034.31

COMPARISON-

In January received \$ 558.95 more than in January 1952

January- 1953-----18.9%
 1952-----16.4%
 1951 -----14.1%

Treasurer's report of Building Funds for Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. was received and approved. It follows-

1- Total amount of pledges -----\$ 10,064.95
 2- Number of pledges -----240
 3- Receipts to January 1, 1953 -----4,756.20
 Receipts in January 1953 -----684.50
 \$ 5,440.70

4- DISBURSEMENTS-

A- Expenses ----- 179.38

B- To Building Funds commission

1- April through Dec. 1952 -----

4,576.82

a- January 1953 ----- 684.50 5,261.32

\$ 5,440.70

Jean McLaren, Treasurer.

It was decided that the Building Funds Campaign would be reviewed at the April meeting of Session with a view to solicit contributions from new members.

It was regularly moved by Dr. Rooker and seconded by Mr. Morrill that the Board of Deacons be requested to manage the promotion of One Great Time of Sharing. Carried.

It was moved by Dr. Rooker, seconded by Mr. Morrill that a letter of commendation be sent to the President of Western Theological Seminary extolling the services of Ralph Wagner and Philip Fletcher at their recent appearances at our church. The original to be sent to the school and copies to Mr. Wagner and Mr. Fletcher. Carried.

Mr. McPhail reported that the Laymen's Association has agreed to assume complete sponsorship of Boy Scout Troop 3.

Thursday evening, April 2, 1953, was named as Communion Service.

The Committee on Evangelism and Membership headed by Mr. Morrill, was requested to arrange for visitation evangelism at the end of February and beginning of March.

Mr. Campbell reported briefly on the last Presbytery meeting.

Mr. Jewett suggested as delegate to February 24 meeting; Mr. Morrill was named as alternate.

It was also voted to present the name of Mr. Albert Habgood to the Buffalo-Niagara Presbytery as a nominee for commissioner to the General Assembly at Minneapolis. This was moved by Mr. Morrill, seconded by Mr. Mitchell and carried.

Mr. Marshall and Mr. Campbell were asked to be responsible for naming delegates to Presbytery.

SESSION MINUTES -con. Feb.2,1953

Monday evening, March 2, was named for a joint meeting of officers. Business at 7:30 P.M. and joint meeting at 8:15 P.M. to get acquainted and group study of officers' duty.

At future ordinations of Elders, it was decided to ask all elders to sit in the group with the Session.

It was moved by Dr. Rooker, seconded by Mr. Morrill that the responsibilities of Deacons as outlined be adopted and copies of same be supplied to the Deacons. This includes the promoting of One Great Time of Sharing. The duties as outlined follow-

DEACONS' RESPONSIBILITIES

- A- Complete Charge of Ushers
- B- Distribute Sunday Flowers to shut-ins.
- C- Organize to give special care to new members that they may be integrated into the life of the Church.
(Confer with Session to prevent over lapping.)
- D- Give special needs of our congregation with reference to members who are ill, shut-in, or in financial need.

In a general way, Session will expect these ordained officers to show a consistent interest in all of the church program, cooperate in financial endeavors and in evangelism.

Such added areas of responsibility as shall seem wise for the deacons shall first be approved by the Session.

It was moved by Mr. Guinther, seconded by Mr. Morrill that the Session cooperate and promote attendance of the School of Christian Living Saturday, February 14, at the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church and arrange for similar meetings in our church. Carried.

The meeting closed with prayers by Mr. Wagner and Mr. Campbell.

John Guinther
Temporary Clerk.

ANNUAL MEETING- CONGREGATIONAL AND CORPORATE- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
SOCIETY OF NIAGARA- MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 1953.

Dessert, served by the Philathea Class members, preceded the opening at 8:00 p.m. Monday, January 26, 1953, of both the Congregational and Corporation meetings- held annually by the First Presbyterian Society of Niagara.

Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill called the meeting to order.

The Worship period was conducted by J. H. Mifflin,

The Call to Meeting was read by A. E. Habgood, Clerk of Session.

Nominations for presiding chairman of Corporate meeting, being in order, Mrs. Robert Nicol moved, seconded by J. H. Mifflin, that A. J. Gailey be nominated and elected. Carried.

J. R. Dawson moved, seconded by Neal J. Johnson that nominations be closed and Mr. Gailey was elected. Carried.

Thereupon Mr. Gailey assumed the Chair to preside at the meeting of the corporation.

Chairman announced that Minutes of previous meeting, having been read and accepted at that time, stood accepted for the records.

C. J. Elderfield, Chairman of Nominating Committee, presented a slate of nominees for the Office of Trustees to replace Messrs. A. J. Gailey, Wm. R. Smith, A. R. Phelps and Mrs. Robert Nicol, whose terms expire. There being no further nominations from the floor, ballots were distributed for election of Trustees, those nominees present having been introduced at this time.

REPORTS

Mrs. Robert Nicol, President, and retiring Board Member of Trustees, presented the annual report of Trustees, in brief, calling attention to the printed report in the year's program book, "Review and Outlook." She concluded by expressing thanks for the excellent and continued cooperation rendered the Board of Trustees.

Miss Jean McLaren, Church Treasurer, then presented the annual Financial Report, both as presented in the program book and further reviewed by blackboard figures for the benefit of the meeting. At the conclusion of Miss McLaren's talk, it was the consensus that everyone present was well acquainted with details of the present financial standing of the Corporation. Chairman Gailey complimented Miss McLaren and further thanked her for constant cooperation with church personnel in keeping all interested parties fully informed at all times of the current financial status.

Mr. Keith Demmon, Chairman of the 1953 Planning Committee, presented a recommended outline of plans for landscaping church property, enlargening the church, and establishment of a Building Fund. This report, which did not appear in the program book was presented to the meeting in mimeographed form and at the conclusion of a verbal analysis, Mr. Demmon moved the adoption of the

recommendations contained therein, at least in part, as follows:

1- Build a dry stone wall 4' high running from the Y.M.C.A. to the west Church entrance and also between both entrances, located 6' from the existing sidewalk, a hedge to be planted behind the wall. The walk to the chapel to be guarded by a gate. Also, add concrete between the wall and the present sidewalk.

2- Provide foundation plants, ground cover, and lawn.

It is recommended that these steps be adopted at a cost of \$ 2500 plus 10%.

*(See foot note of motion at bottom of page 347)

This motion was seconded by Dr. N. J. Johnson, and carried.

It is also recommended that a sum of \$ 1000 be set up for drawing up preliminary plans and estimated for enlarging the church, the final objective being to provide the church with a tangible goal for future expansion that can be effectively displayed.

This motion was seconded by Mrs. R. Nicol, and carried.

It is further recommended that the First Presbyterian Society of Niagara set up a Building Fund to which additions may be made.

Mr. J. R. Dawson seconded the original recommendation, and added to it "that the amount to be settled by the Board of Trustees." Carried.

At this time, Mr. Demmon called attention to the fact that the Planning Committee, as set up for 1952, consisting of Mrs. Robert Nicol, Messrs. Youel, Phelps, Hall, Berryhill, and himself as Chairman, has been intended for a one-year committee. The members thereof had concurred they did not have further power to act.

Thereupon, J. R. Dawson moved, seconded by R. C. Shubert, that the Committee on Planning be continued as is, and where replacements are necessary, the committee already named be responsible for making those replacements. Carried.

Moderator, Berryhill assumed the chair.

Balloting for Trustees being in order, as well as nominations for Deacons and Elders, W. H. Mitchell moved and it was seconded, that this business proceed. Carried. A second group of tellers for this work was appointed consisting of Mrs. Wm. Campbell, C. Jackson and J. Patch.

The tellers for election of Trustees were: Miss Ethel Smith, Mr. N. J. Johnson and J. R. Dawson.

Chairman Gailey resumed the Chair.

He called upon the presidents or their representatives of the various Church Societies who all responded briefly, calling attention to their printed reports presented in the program book.

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W. H. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mrs. McLaren that all reports printed in "Review and Outlook" be received as printed. Carried.

Mr. Demmon moved, seconded by Mr. Shubert that the Committee responsible for preparing the book "Review and Outlook" receive highest commendation. Carried.

At this time, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill recommended that the program book be thoroughly perused by all who received copies, as it is an excellent review of the current church status.

A. E. Habgood, Clerk of Session, upon request, spoke regarding Rev. David Thomas who, with Mrs. Thomas, has represented the First Presbyterian Society of Niagara, in the far East, for a period of years. Inasmuch as Mr. and Mrs. Thomas are being withdrawn from regular Foreign Service, the Session recommends that the Rev. Herbert Henry Pommerenke, who, with Mrs. Pommerenke, is presently stationed in Brazil, South America, receive missionary support from our Society.

Dr. N. J. Johnson moved that this be done and a suitable letter of thanks for their interest and service be also sent to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas. Seconded and Carried.

Mr. Berryhill recommended that a Nominating committee for the ensuing year be chosen at this Annual Meeting.

Chairman A. J. Gailey assumed the Chair, calling for nomination of members for the 1953 Nominating Committee. The following were nominated:-

J. G. Marshall by K. Demmon.
M. M. Templeton by Wm. Campbell
E. W. Jewett by W. H. Mitchell
Mrs. Geo. Brown by Mrs. James Linn.
*Lloyd Bovier by N. J. Johnson

*representative from the Congregation.

Keith Demmon moved that nominations be closed and nominees declared elected.

Miss Ethel Smith, Chairman of Tellers for election of Trustees, announced the election of Fred T. Keeler, John Runals, Mark Templeton and Mrs. James Linn to the Board of Trustees. (As a note for the record- Messrs. Keeler and Templeton were elected on the first ballot. A tie between Messrs. O'brien and Runals resulted in a second ballot upon which Mr. Runals was declared elected.)

Mr. Berryhill announced that C. J. Elderfield had the distinction of having served 52 years as an Elder of the Church. Mr. Elderfield thereupon received the felicitations of those present.

Mr. Berryhill further announced that Ordination and Installation of Deacons and Elders, and Recognition of Trustees will be observed at the regular Church Service of February 1, 1953.

ANNUAL MEETING- con. January 26, 1953

Mr. Berryhill assumed Chair for further Congregational business:

The following persons were declared elected as Deacons and Elders respectively:-

Deacons:

<u>3 years</u>	<u>2 years</u>	<u>1 year</u>
Robert Brautigam	G. D. Bland	Wilson Griffin
N. J. Johnson	Maynard Brodbeck	F. V. McMillen
Ralph Wallace	K. Burr McGhee	Frank Searles
Mrs. Phillip Doll	Mrs. Floyd Williams	Mrs. Richard Shubert

ELDERS

<u>3 years</u>	<u>2 years</u>	<u>1 year</u>
J. Stuart Fleming	S. W. Orne	John Guinther
A. M. Rooker, M.D.		
R.H.Wagner		
G. D. Shingleton		

There being no further business for the Congregational Meeting, Rev. C. C. Berryhill released the Chair to Chairman A. J. Gailey to complete the business of the Corporation meeting.

The appointed stenographer-secretary having read the minutes of the meeting, W. H. Mitchell moved, seconded by J. R. Dawson that they be approved. Carried.

The entire business for which the joint meeting of the evening had been called, having been completed, adjournment was moved by K. Demmon, seconded by W. H. Mitchell, and carried, at 10:50 p.m.

Albert E. Habgood
Clerk of Session

Ruth Ginther
Steno-Sec'y.

* A motion was made, seconded and passed that a Committee be constituted to carry out in 1953 the plan to landscape the grounds about the church building according to the proposals accepted by this meeting. This committee is to be named by Mr. Habgood, Mr. Gailey and Mr. Berryhill.

The following committee was named.

Mrs. Robert Nicol and Messrs. Mark Templeton, Charles Ward, K. Burr McGhee and Keith Demmon.

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING

A special meeting of the Session was called Sunday morning, March 1 following the morning service.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Berryhill.

Present- Moderator, Charles C. Berryhill and Rev. Kenneth L. Bowser and Elders John Edwards, Gordon Shingleton, R.H. Wagner, Howard McPhail, Stephen Orne, H. E. Morrill, Wm. Campbell, J. G. Marshall and W. H. Mitchell.

Absent - Elders Norman Duffett, John Guinther, R. C. Snowdon, J. Stuart Fleming Albert Rooker, E. W. Jewett.

The following persons were presented to the Session, desiring membership-

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Conway 638 Orchard Pkwy. Letter from Riverside Presbyterian Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Ellsworth- Fairway Dr. Lewiston Letter from Shiloh Presbyterian Church- St. Mary's , Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. McCullough- Fairway Dr. Lewiston. Letter from Shiloh Presbyterian Church, St. Mary's, Pa.

Mrs. Peter Wright- 521 Jefferson Ave. Letter from 1st Presbyterian Punkatawney, Pa.

Miss Sidney Ellsworth- Fairway Dr. Lewiston- Shiloh Pres. St. Mary's, Pa.

It was moved and seconded that these persons be received. Carried.

Reaffirmation of Faith or Confession

Orville Landes- 226 Fifth Street

Phillip D. Utley- 217 Niagara St.

Mrs. Dorothea Glass- 345 Sixth St.

Peter B. Wright- 521 Jefferson Avenue

Mrs. Myrtle Binkley- 232 Sixth St.

In was moved and seconded that these persons be received. Carried.

A Prayer of Blessing was given by Mr. H. E. Morrill.

The usual record cards were given to each new member.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mr. Berryhill.

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DISMISSALS- Mrs. Hubert Torrence- Jan. 15- to Baptist Church, Ransomville.

Feb. 2- Mr. and Mrs. Lee P. Allen- to Peace Memorial- Clearwater, Fla.

Feb. 13- Lt. Col and Mrs. J.H. McKinnon- Miss Elizabeth McKinnon to 1st Presbyterian, Red Springs, North Carolina.

Feb. 16- Mr. and Mrs. E. Leland Stewart- to 1st Presbyterian New Martinsville, West Va.

Feb. 16- Mr. and Mrs. Paul F. Stratiff- Peace Memorial, Clearwater, Fla.

Howard C. McPhail
Howard McPhail

March 2, 1953.

SESSION MEETING

The regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was held Monday evening, March 2, at 7:30 o'clock. The Board of Deacons met jointly with them.

Present- Session- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Elders John B. Edwards, Gordon Shingleton, Stephen Orne, J. G. Marshall, Wm. Campbell, W. H. Mitchell, R. H. Wagner, Howard McPhail, H. E. Morrill.

Absent- J. Stuart Fleming, Dr. Rooker, John Guinther, R. C. Snowdon, E. W. Jewett and Norman Duffett.

Board of Deacons:-

Present- George Bland, Robert Brautigam, Maynard Brodbeck, Mrs. Phillip Doll, Neal J. Johnson, K. Burr McGhee, Frank McMillen, Wilson Griffin, Mrs. Floyd Williams.

Absent- Ralph Wallace, Frank Searles and Mrs. Richard Shubert.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. W. H. Mitchell.

The minutes of the regular meeting in February and the special meeting on March 1 were read, and approved after making of two minor corrections.

A letter was read by Mr. Berryhill from Dr. Ralph Snowdon accepting the position of Clerk of the Session.

Also a letter thanking the church for its contribution to the student work in Buffalo.

Mr. Berryhill reported that the name of Albert Habgood was submitted to Presbytery as a delegate to National Assembly. A candidate from Bacon Memorial was submitted at the same time. Neither was accepted, though they were both named alternates. X

A letter from Ralph Wagner, Jr., a student at Western Theological Seminary, thanking the session for the gift of a volume of the Interpreter's Bible, was read.

The Treasurer's report of the Benevolent Fund for March 1st was read and approved. The report follows-

RECEIPTS- Cash on hand February 1, 1953	-----	\$ 125.69
Envelopes	-----	846.77
		<u>\$ 972.46</u>

DISBURSEMENTS-		
To the Board of the Church	-----	\$ 800.00
Cash on hand February 28, 1953	-----	172.46
		<u>\$ 972.46</u>

SUMMARY- Expected Benevolences in 1953 -13,620.00
Amount to be collected -----10,187.54

COMPARISON-

In February 1953, received \$ 294.40 more than in February 1952.

BENEVOLENT FUND, con.

COMPARISON- Two Months- 1953- 25.2%
 1952- 20.8%
 1951- 20.0%

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The report of the Treasurer for the Building Funds for Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. was submitted and accepted. The report follows:-

BUILDING FUNDS FOR PRESBYTERIAN
 CHURCHES IN THE U.S.A.

I- Total amount of Pledges	-----	\$ 10,064.95
II- Number of pledges	-----	240
III- Receipts- 1952	-----	\$ 4,756.20
January 1953	-----	684.50
February "	-----	97.00
		\$ 5,537.70
IV- Disbursements-		
A- Expenses	-----	\$ 179.38
B- To Building Funds Commission		
1- In 1952	-----	\$ 4,576.82
2- January 1953	-----	684.50
3- February 1953	-----	97.00
		\$ 5,358.32
		\$ 5,537.70

J. McLaren, Treasurer.

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Mr. Berryhill recommended that our church participate in the International exchange of ministers on April 12. It was moved by Mr. Morrill, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, that we participate in the exchange on April 12. Motion carried.

Frank McMillen, of the Board of Deacons, reported that the boxes for the One Great Hour of Sharing had had a complete distribution in the church and church school. He also reported on the plan for the receiving of the special offering.

Mr. Berryhill reported Mr. Jewett, Chairman of the music committee, ill. He asked Messrs. Morrill and Edwards of that committee to give some attention to the condition of the roof over the organ and of the roll-top cover of the organ. He also referred to the fact that consideration was being given to the possibility of engaging a House Manager to give more thorough attention to building and facilities. He also announced that the Westminster Choir will sing on March 8 and that there will be a guest soloist on that date.

Mr. McPhail reported for the Sunday School and Young People's Committee. The Athletic Board hasn't met yet. The Scoutmaster has resigned and the Scout Committee is looking for a replacement.

No report for the Adult Program Committee, except that Men's Sunday was a real success.

March 2, 1953
continued.

The matter of accommodations for next communion was briefly discussed. It was suggested that the desirability of having better chairs to use in the front of the church for the Elders at Communion be referred to the Trustees.

Mr. Wagner reported on plans for a brief entertainment program in connection with the Family dinner on March 11, and that the Guild would take the responsibility for the meal.

A report on plans for the School of Christian Living was given by Mr. Morrill who stated that the school was set up for March 11, 18 and 25, with a panel assigned for each night. He also reported that Visitation Evangelism had been conducted Sunday afternoon, February 22 and Monday evening, February 23, with 14 men serving. He reported 19 decisions to join the church and 10 or 12 good prospects had been discovered.

Mr. Berryhill announced a session meeting at 10:00 a.m. on March 29, and another after church on the same day. He also stated that a member of a missionary team may be available for Session's May meeting and suggested that about three fourths of an hour be set aside in the meeting for a conference with the missionary. Mr. Morrill moved that this suggestion be adopted and that the missionary be invited to attend the May meeting. Seconded by Mr. McPhail. Carried.

Mr. Berryhill announced that the Parish Group visitation is now in progress.

A letter from H. H. Pommerenke, missionary to Brazil, was read by Mr. Edwards. Mr. Pommerenke expressed great pleasure in learning that this church had accepted him as its missionary representative. A certificate, attesting to this fact, was shown. A suggestion that photos of Mr. and Mrs. Pommerenke be secured and these framed with the certificate was approved.

Mr. Berryhill recommended that April 1 be set as the date of the April meeting of Session and that it be held on that evening with Preparatory Service. Suggestion approved by vote.

Mr. Campbell told of a plan to assure a representative of the Session at each Presbytery meeting. Each Elder was asked to fill in a form stating his preference of a Presbytery date if it is possible for him to attend any.

A date for the Annual Congregational party was discussed and the last Friday in April, the 24th, was suggested. The date was agreed upon by formal vote of session. The same women's groups which promoted previous parties of this kind will conduct this one.

Mr. Berryhill called attention of the Session to the advertisement appearing in the Gazette advertising the services of the Presbyterian Churches during Lent.

Mr. Berryhill reported request of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Gardner for letter of transfer to Clearwater, Florida, and that they are not on active roll at present. It was moved that they be placed on active roll again and letter of dismissal to Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church of Clearwater be given them. Carried.

The meeting of Session adjourned and meeting of Deacons convened, with Mrs. Williams as Secretary.

After the meeting of the Board of Deacons, a joint meeting of the two boards was held. Minutes of the joint meeting follow-

The matter of the annual Officers Dinner was discussed. The date of Friday, May 15, was suggested. Mr. Edwards moved that the event be held on May 15 and that a committee of three, one from each of the boards, be appointed to serve as the committee in charge, with the understanding that each of the three may name an assistant from his own boards to help him. Seconded by Mr. McGhee and carried.

An idea to make a 16 mm motion picture of our church activities was advanced by Mr. Berryhill and discussed at some length. The idea was approved by the joint boards and the names of Messrs. Donovan, O'Brien and Zehr mentioned as possible men to work on this project. An effort to secure a chairman from one of the boards was not successful.

Mr. Marshall suggested that men who are involved in Church School work should not be asked to serve on the Welcoming Committee in church, as their duties interfere with their getting to the door early enough. Mr. McPhail suggested that there be four elders assigned to the Welcoming Committee each Sunday, two at each door.

It was moved and carried that there should be an Ushers' dinner, sponsored by the Ushers' Committee of the Board of Deacons, with expenses paid by the church.

It was reported that the Deacons are establishing centers of friendship- persons to sit in certain assigned places in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings- to extend a freindly greeting to persons near them.

Upon motion, it was decided that the pastor should send a letter to the N.F.T. commending the negro driver of a bus for turning in a church contribution envelope which someone had dropped in his bus.

The joint meeting was adjourned with prayer by Messrs. Brodbeck and Shingleton.

R. H. Wagner, Temporary
Clerk.

DISMISSALS-

- March 11- Mr. and Mrs. Maurice E. Gardner- to Peace Memorial
Presbyterian Church, Clearwater, Florida.
- March 13- Mr. Walter Baeckler- to Methodist Church, Berea, Ohio
- March 20- Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Mitchell- to First Presbyterian
Church, Alden, New York.

DEATHS- since January 1, 1953-

- January 4- Mrs. Clara Carey
- February 12- Ira D. Hecker
- March 7- Mrs. Frank Searles, Sr.
- March 7- Mrs. H. R. Converse
- March 14- Mrs. Hattie T. Reeves
- March 15- James E. Paterson
- March 19- Mrs. Adah MacDonald
- March 21- Wm. B. Kells

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March 29, 1953.

SPECIAL MEETING

The Session was called for a special meeting preceding the service Sunday morning, March 29, 1953, to receive the Communicants' Class. Upon motion duly made and carried the following young people were received into membership of the church. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill.

James Brunn
Joan Ewart
Gary Gall
Gwendolyn Grimes
Barbara Kandt
Donald Saunders
David Thomson
Judith Tutt
Dale Ursprung
Charles Von Groff
Carl Wagner
David Wagner
Theresa Whyson
Claudia Wienert
Helgard Wienert
Anita Yesoian
Natalie Youel

The Session then adjourned to the regular worship.

Clerk Pro Tem

March 29, 1953.

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING

The Session was called for a special meeting Sunday, March 29, following the morning service for the purpose of receiving new members.

Present- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Rev. Kenneth L. Bowser and Elders John B. Edwards, Gordon Shingleton, R.H. Wagner, Howard McPhail, H.E. Morrill, E. W. Jewett, Wm. Campbell W.H. Mitchell and John Guinther.

Absent- Elders Dr. R.C. Snowdon, Norman Duffett, J. S. Fleming, Dr. A. M. Rooker, Stephen Orne and J. G. Marshall.

The following people presented themselves desiring membership.

BY LETTER-

Mr. Charles F. Dienst- Letter - First Presbyterian Church Haddonfield, N.J.
 Mrs. Charles F. Dienst- Covenant Methodist Church, Evanston, Ill.
 Miss Mildred Torrence- Presbyterian Church- Punxsutawney, Pa.
 Miss Barbara Stahlman- - Presbyterian Church, Brookville, Pa.
 Mr. Fred Tutt- Hyde Park Presbyterian Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
 Mrs. Fred Tutt (Evelyn) -Hyde Park Presbyterian Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
 Mr. C.H. Vincent Davis- Westminster Presbyterian Church- Wilmington, Del.
 Mrs. C. H. Vincent Davis (Laura) Westminster Pres. Church " "
 Mr. John N. Long- First Presbyterian Church, Norristown, Pa.
 Mrs. John Long (Edith) - St. James Methodist- Olney, Pa.
 Mrs. Mary Davis- Tyler Memorial Evangelical United Brethren
 Chillicothe, Ohio.

Upon motion, the above were received into membership

BY REAFFIRMATION OR CONFESSION OF FAITH-

John C. Cain- 20 D. Packard Rd.
 Mr. and Mrs. Wm Clingersmith - 2320 Orleans Ave.
 Mr. John Jacks- 3614 Packard Rd.
 Mrs. John (Catherine) Jacks- 3614 Packard Rd.
 Mr. Jimmie M. James- 207 Tenth St.
 Mrs. Jimmie James (Vera) 207 Tenth St.
 Mr. George Jurcheson- 454 12th St. (Baptism)
 Mr. Angus Johnstone, Jr.- 734 91st St.
 Mr. Kenneth I. MacDonald- 2465 Niagara Ave.
 Miss Ann MacLeod- 1850 Pierce Ave.
 Mr. William Nicholas- 1363 Michigan Ave.
 Mr. Ralph Sipolla- 552 9th
 Mrs. Ralph Sipolla (Beulah) 552 9th
 Mrs. Sydney Ellsworth- Fairway Dr. Lewiston
 Mr. Robert E. Wade- 1609 13th St.
 Mrs. Ellen Wiseman- 23 Thomas St.

It was moved and seconded that these friends be received. Carried.
 George Jurcheson indicated that he desire baptism at the Preparatory Service, April 1.

Gordon Shingleton offered a prayer of blessing.

Mr. Berryhill closed the meeting with prayer.

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 Baptism 1

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April 1, 1953

SESSION MEETING

The Session met on Wednesday, this date, at 9:00 p.m., following the Preparatory Service.

Those present were the Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill, Rev. Kenneth L. Bowser, and Elders Gordon Shingleton, J. S. Fleming, John Guinther, Howard McPhail, Howard Morrill, E. W. Jewett, William Campbell, W. H. Mitchell and Ralph H. Wagner.

Those absent were Norman Duffett, Dr. R. C. Snowdon, John B. Edwards, Dr. A. M. Rooker, Stephen Orne and J. G. Marshall.

The reception of new members was the first order of business conducted. Those received by letter of transfer were Dr. and Mrs. F. O. Wienert, from Germany and Mr. James Wilson from Phillipsburg, Pa. That these letters be accepted and the above persons be received into membership was moved by Mr. W. H. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. E. W. Jewett. Motion carried. Nancy Macdonald was introduced as a member of the Communicants' Class who could not be present when the other members were received. It was moved and carried that Nancy be received into church membership. The Moderator instructed the newly received members. A prayer of blessing was given by Mr. McPhail.

Ralph Wagner was appointed temporary clerk in the absence of Dr. R.C. Snowdon. Minutes of the March meeting were read and approved after one minor correction.

Mr. Berryhill stated that the suggestion of having a House manager for the church was rejected by the Board of Trustees. He mentioned that the exchange of ministers with a Canadian church for April 12, had been expanded to include organists and choirs, as announced in Sunday's bulletin. The matter of having better chairs for use in front of the pulpit during communion services was discussed again briefly, and it was decided to take no action for the time being.

The Building Fund report was submitted in mimeographed form and read, as follows, and accepted.

BUILDING FUNDS FOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES IN THE U.S.A.

I-	Total amount of pledges -----	\$ 10,064.95
II-	Number of pledges -----	240
III-	Receipts- 1952-----	\$ 4,756.20
	Receipts to March 1, 1953 -----	781.50
	Receipts in March 1953 -----	57.00
		5,594.70
IV-	DISBURSEMENTS-	
A-	Expenses -----	\$ 179.38
B-	To Building Funds Commission	
	1- In 1952 -----	\$ 4,576.82
	2- Two months, 1953 -----	781.50
	3- March 1953 -----	57.00
		5,415.32
		\$ 5,594.70

Jean McLaren, Treasurer.

The Benevolent Fund report was submitted in mimeographed form and read, as follows, and accepted:

BENEVOLENT FUND
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MARCH, 1953

RECEIPTS-

Cash on hand March 1, 1953 -----	\$	172.46
Envelopes -----	\$	848.80
U. S. Bond- Young Legacy -----		18.75
		867.55
		\$1040.01

DISBURSEMENTS-

To the Boards of the Church -----	\$	900.00
Cash on hand March 31, 1953 -----		140.01
		\$1040.01

SUMMARY-

Expected Benevolences in 1953 -----	\$	13,620.00
Amount to be collected -----		9,319.99

COMPARISON-

In March 1953 received \$ 145.79 less than in March 1952.

Three Months-	1953-	31.5%
	1952-	29.0%
	1951-	28.7%

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Received in March 1953 -----	\$	566.95
Sent to the Central Receiving Agency for Boards of the Church -----	\$	566.95

Jean McLaren, Treasurer.

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The Moderator stated that there had been no progress in connection with the matter of making a motion picture of church activities. No committee formed yet for the purpose.

A letter from Dr. Barbour, President of Western Theological Seminary, was read by Mr. Guinther. Dr. Barbour's letter was a grateful acknowledgment of Session's letter commending students Philip Fletcher and Ralph Wagner, Jr.

A letter was presented from the Carborundum Girls' Club, requesting permission to present our church with an outside bulletin board in memory of Miss Elsie Smith. It was moved by Mr. Morrill, seconded by Mr. Guinther that the gift be accepted with thanks, with the understanding that the bulletin board be one that fits in with the plans of the committee on grounds improvement and that that committee be given responsibility for selection of the proper board. Motion was carried.

April 1, 1953.
SESSION MINUTES, con.

The Moderator suggested that, as last year, the net balance from the Good Friday service offering be added to the One Great Hour of Sharing Fund. Mr. Mitchell moved that this procedure be followed. Seconded by Mr. Fleming. Motion carried.

A letter was read from the chairman of the women's area Migrant Committee, stating that a fund of \$ 3,000 from four counties of the area was needed for work with migrants during the coming year, and requesting that our church make a contribution. The Moderator recommended a contribution of \$ 10.00. On motion, carried, the recommendation was accepted, with the understanding that a report be requested on the results of the solicitations, so that our contribution could be increased if the goal is not reached.

Mr. Berryhill recommended that for the five Sundays in July and August when he will be on vacation the pulpit be filled by Philip Fletcher, Ralph Wagner, Jr., Mr. Bowser and two others to be selected by the pastor. Motion for acceptance was made by Mr. McPhail, seconded by Mr. Morrill, carried.

For the Music Committee, Mr. Jewett reported the purchase of 25 new hymnals at \$ 1.35 each. Approval of the purchase was voted on motion by Mr. Morrill, seconded by Mr. Shingleton. Whether the payment should be made from the Music Budget or the property maintenance budget was left for later decision.

For the Sunday School and Youth Committee, Mr. McPhail reported that the Athletic committee met and made plans for softball during the summer and allotted the athletic funds. He reported that the Girls' Basketball Team had won the play-off championship. Mr. Shingleton reported that the experiment of having a mixed class of high school girls and boys seemed to be working out satisfactorily.

Mr. McPhail noted the long period of service, more than 30 years, of Mrs. Fred Gray, as superintendent of the Kindergarten department and worker with our small children. He felt that some official recognition should be made. After discussion, Mr. Morrill moved that a letter of appreciation from the session be sent Mrs. Gray. Seconded by Mr. Fleming. Motion carried.

Mr. Mitchell reported all ready for the Holy Thursday Communion service. He expressed concern over the placing of chairs in aisles by the ushers, stating that this practice is against fire rules and insurance regulations. It was agreed that overflow from the sanctuary should be seated in the Chapel and there followed some discussion concerning the provision of a speaking system for those seated in the chapel. Mr. Guinther was authorized to see if a speaker could be provided for Thursday night and to proceed with the installation if he deemed it wise to do so.

It was pointed out that the next Family Night supper program would be on April 15, in charge of the Laymen's Association.

April 1, 1953
Session Minutes, con.

Mr. Morrill, for the Committee on Evangelism, reported that the School of Christian Living was felt to have been a success. At this point Mr. Berryhill suggested that the committee take special note Thursday night of new members and greet them following the service.

The Moderator reported that the Trustees had raised some objection to the expenditure for fresh flowers for the ushers each Sunday. No action taken.

Mr. Campbell stated in reply to a question put by the Moderator, that no one had been secured as yet to represent the session at Presbytery April 28, but that he would continue to try to get an Elder to attend.

Mr. Berryhill reported that the Trustees had appointed Loren Skinner and the Deacons had named Burr McGhee to serve on the Officers Dinner Committee, for the dinner on May 15. The Session is to provide a chairman, and Mr. Berryhill said he would follow through on this matter.

The Moderator announced that Dr. Archibald Campbell, who had served in Korea for 36 years as a missionary, would be our guest for the May meeting of Session.

*Mr. Berryhill recommended that the name of Harry Barrett be replaced on the active roll of the church and that a letter of dismissal to the church of Mr. Barrett's choice be granted. Motion made and carried.

Upon motion, carried, meeting of Session was adjourned.

Ralph H. Wagner,
Temporary Clerk.

DISMISSALS-

- March 26, 1953- Mr. and Mrs. Charles Borger- 1st Methodist,
Niagara Falls, N.Y.
- March 26, 1953- Mr. Clayton Carlton- Bacon Memorial Presbyterian
Niagara Falls, N.Y.
- * April 6, 1953- Mr. Harry L. Barrett, II, Community Church
Durham, New Hampshire.

DEATHS-

- March 25, 1953- Mrs. Bertha Rodgers
- March " 1953- Mrs. Thomas Seddinger
- April 14, 1953- Mrs. William Lyle
- April 21, 1953- Mrs. Harold G. Miller

May 4, 1953

The regular meeting of the Session was held on Monday evening, May 4, at 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill, Rev. Kenneth L. Bowser and Elders- John B. Edwards, Gordon Shingleton, J. Stuart Fleming, Dr. A. M. Reeker, R. H. Wagner, Stephen Orne, Norman Duffett, ~~Dr. R. C. Snowden~~, Dr. R. C. Snowden, Wm. Campbell, J. G. Marshall, W. H. Mitchell, E. W. Jewett, Howard McPhail.

Visitors-Dr. Archibald Campbell and Mr. Richard O'Brien

ABSENT- Elders Howard Morrill, John Guinther

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. C. Berryhill.

The minutes of the April 1 meeting were read and approved as read.

Messrs. Richard O'Brien and George Zehr have looked into the matter of local talent 16 m m sound • n film in connection with a moving picture for our church program. Mr. O'Brien reported their findings in detail giving tentative costs for making and projection which excited some discussion. It was moved and seconded by Dr. Reeker and Mr. Marshall that a five member committee be appointed to take over the O'Brien-Zehr data and to go forward with the accumulation of information in an effort to make a final recommendation. Carried.

Dr. Campbell took the floor at the behest of the Moderator for 60 minutes. He described the Presbyterian as well as the general Protestant situation in Korea. He is the President of our Seminary, at Taegu. He believes that there are over a million Protestants in Korea and that North Korea is where Christianity got effectually under way in 1899 at Pyandyang.

The following reports were read and approved as read.

BENEVOLENT FUND

RECEIPTS-

Cash on hand April 1, 1953 -----	\$ 140.01
Envelopes -----	\$ 958.76
Thursday evening communion -----	116.41
Easter Envelopes -----	148.10
	<u>1, 223.27</u>
	\$ 1, 363.28

DISBURSEMENTS-

1- To Presbytery of Buffalo-Niagara	
(For Budget B. Tax-Second quarter	840.00
2- To the Boards of the church -----	400.00
3- For migrant work of the church-	
Buffalo area (Mrs. Fred White, Treas	10.00
Cash on hand April 30, 1953 -----	113.28
	<u>\$ 1, 363.28</u>

SUMMARY-

Expected Benevolences in 1953 -----	13, 620.00
Amount to be collected -----	8, 096.72

COMPARISON-

In April 1953 received \$ 131.76 less than in April 1952

Four months- 1953 -	40.5%
1952 -	40 %
1951 -	37 %

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING-

Received from Good Friday offering (1953) -----	\$ 143.87
March 1953- Contributions -----	566.95
April 1953- Contributions -----	131.41
Family Night Dinners -----	6.87
	<u>\$ 849.10</u>

Total sent to Central Receiving Agency for
Boards of the Church ----- 849.10

Jean McLaren
Treasurer.

BUILDING FUNDS FOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES IN
THE U.S.A.

1- Total amount of pledges -----	10,064.95
2- Number of Pledges -----	240
3- Receipts- 1952 -----	\$ 4,756.20
Receipts to April, 1953 -----	838.50
Receipts in April 1953 -----	<u>214.00</u>
	5,808.70
4- DISBURSEMENTS- -----	179.38
A- Expenses -----	
B- To Building Funds Commission- -----	
1- In 1952 -----	\$ 4,576.82
2- Three months 1953 -----	838.50
3- April 1953 -----	<u>214.00</u>
	5,629.32
	<u>\$ 5,808.70</u>

Jean McLaren, Treasurer.

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The Session appoints the Youth Budget Director.

Mr. Marshall suggests that William Campbell be continued as Director. It was moved and seconded by Mr. Duffett and Dr. Rooker that Mr. Campbell be assigned to this work for the coming year. Carried.

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Mr. Bowser wishes to take/his vacation for 1953 between May 31 and June 8 and and between July 4 and July 18. It was moved and seconded by Dr. Rooker and Mr. Mitchell that these dates be approved. Carried.

Mr. Edwards and Mr. Morrill consulted with Mrs. Brumburgh in the matter of Mrs. Marzo who is resigning from our quartette for personal reasons. A new alto is being sought by Mrs. Brumburgh.

Since Mrs. Martin (Westminster Choir) is unhappy with the arrangement which presently pays her \$ 8.00 per week during her seasonal term of service which nominally ends May 31, and the use of the Westminster Choir on Children's Day in June is concerned, it was moved and seconded by Messrs. Marshall and Orne that Mr. Jewett confer with Mrs. Martin fairly, and that he be authorized to make any reasonable arrangement with Mrs. Martin with power to act. Carried.

SESSION MINUTES- May 4, 1953.

It was proposed that the Church School Teachers who attend the Teachers' Training Conference in July 12-18 at Camp Duffield be given one half their expense plus one half the expense of any of their children attending by the church. Funds to come from the adult Leadership Training Budget. It was duly moved, seconded and carried that this proposition be adopted.

The next Communion will be served on June 28. New members will be received after the service on June 21.

Mr. Mitchell believes that there are insufficient hymnals available in the sanctuary, at the time of exceptionally well attended services. The music committee was directed by the Moderator to canvass the situation and to make recommendation at a later meeting of the Session.

Mr. Mitchell brought up the matter of the heavy Communion Table Top. The cost of a new, much lighter top should be about \$ 35.00. It was moved and seconded by Messrs. Marshall and Edwards that the matter be left to the Communion Committee with power to act and the cost be referred to the Trustees as payable from Church maintenance Funds. Carried. The Clerk is directed to send a suitable request in writing to President Templeton.

Several members brought up the matter of a Public Address system (speakers, amplifiers, etc.) to serve more space in the church and Mr. Campbell volunteered to canvass the situation with later report.

Seating in the sanctuary in chairs in aisles and the condition of the acousticons was discussed.

Mr. Duffett reported the April Presbytery Meeting and Presbytery ~~meetingxxxxxxWeekDays~~ and the Moderator suggested Saturday of Sunday for Presbytery meeting versus Week Days. No action was taken.

The officers dinner will be held on May 15. Messrs. Duffett and Orne were asked to canvass all Elders in the matter of attendance.

A Planning Conference will be held Sunday, June 28. The Committee on Special Services will consult with our men in regard to the place.

There will be a Foreign Affairs Assembly at the Lewiston Church on Sunday afternoon, May 10. (Dr. Campbell and Rev. Douglas Vernon of Silliman University, Philippines, speakers)

The church membership of Charles Harris was brought up for consideration. It was moved and seconded by Messrs. Duffett and Mitchell that Charles Harris be reinstated on the active rolls of our church and then be dismissed to the church of his choice. Carried.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, adjournment was taken at 10:40 P.M. Closing prayers were offered by Messrs. Edwards and Mitchell.

R.C.Snowdon, Clerk.

R.C. Snowdon

DEATHS to date in 1953

Jan 4- 1953- Mrs. Clara Carey (Mrs. John)
 Feb. 12 Ira D. Hecker
 March 7 Mrs. Nellie (Frank, Sr.) Searles
 March 7 Mrs. Ida Converse (Mrs. H.R.)
 March 15 James E. Paterson
 March 14 Mrs. George Reeves
 March 19- Mrs. Adah MacDonald (Mrs. J.R.)
 March 21 Wm. B. Kells
 March 25 Mrs. Bertha Rodgers
 March 25 Mrs. Gertrude Seddinger (Mrs. Thomas)
 April 14- Mrs. Camellie Lyle (Mrs. Wm.)
 April 21 Mrs. Ruth Miller (Mrs. Harold)

June 1, 1953.

SESSION MINUTES

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church held its regular meeting on Monday, June 1, 1953.

PRESENT- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Elders John Edwards, J. S. Fleming, Dr. A. M. Rooker, R. H. Wagner, John Guinther, Norman Duffett, Howard McPhail, E. W. Jewett, Dr. R. C. Snowdon, Wm. Campbell, J. G. Marshall, W. H. Mitchell and Howard Morrill.

ABSENT- Elders Gordon Shingleton and Stephen Orne.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Ralph Wagner.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 7:30 P.M.

The minutes of the May 4th meeting were read and with three corrections to be made in the minutes, were read and approved as read.

A secure and fire safe place is needed for the storage of church records. It was moved and seconded by Messrs. Morrill and Campbell that the Secretary write a letter referring the matter to the Building Fund Committee of the Trustees for solution. Carried.

The following Treasurer's reports were read and accepted as received by the Moderator:-

BENEVOLENT FUND FOR MAY, 1953

RECEIPTS-

Cash on hand May 1, 1953	-----	\$ 113.28
Envelopes	-----	\$ 927.66
Voluntary Trust Fund	-----	12.50
		<u>940.16</u>
		1, 053.44

DISBURSEMENTS-

To the Boards of the Church	-----	900.00
Cash on hand May 31, 1953	-----	<u>153.44</u>
		1, 053.44

SUMMARY-

Expected Benevolences in 1953	-----	13,620.00
- Received to date	-----	<u>6,463.44</u>
Amount to be collected	-----	7,156.56

COMPARISON-

In May 1953 received \$ 262.35 more than in May 1952.

Five months-	1953-	47.4%
	1952-	45.5%
	1951-	42.5%

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING-

Received in May 1953	-----	5.65
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Grand total sent to the Central Receiving Agency		
for Boards of the Church 1953	-----	854.75

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BUILDING FUNDS FOR PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCHES IN THE U.S.A.

I- Total amount of Pledges -----	\$ 10,064.95
II- Number of Pledges -----	240
III- Receipts- 1952-----	\$ 4,756.20
Receipts to May 1, 1953 -----	1,052.50
Receipts in May, 1953 -----	126.50
	5,935.20
IV- DISBURSEMENTS -----	179.38
A- Expenses -----	
B- To Building Fund Commission	
1- In 1952 -----	\$ 4,576.82
2- Four months 1953 -----	1,052.50
3-May, 1953 -----	126.50
	5,755.82
	\$ 5,935.20

Jean McLaren, Treasurer.

Summer preachers will include Messrs. Phillip Fletcher and Ralph Wagner, Jr. and Dr. Closson will preach on June 7.

Mr. Edwards has been named Director of Every Member Enrollment for the next year. In view of a Laymen's Association request, it was moved and seconded by Messrs. Morrill and McPhail that the Adult Men's dues to the National Council of Presbyterian Men be included in the 1954 Operating Fund Budget under items under Session control. Carried.

It was moved and seconded by Dr. Rooker and Mr. Edwards that the Every Home Plan for Presbyterian Life be continued for next year and that a suitable item be included in the Budget for 1954. Carried.

Mr. Jewett says that Mrs. Martin has been informed that her salary during the season shall be \$ 35.00 per month viz. \$ 8.00 per week and that any work which Mrs. Martin does apart of June shall be pro rated. It is reported that the organ key board cover is in poor condition and broken. It was the opinion of the meeting that the cover be ordered repaired.

Mr. McKellips has performed very useful and acceptable work in connection with the Acousticon. It was moved and seconded by Dr. Rooker and Mr. Duffett that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. McKellips for his appreciated efforts. Carried.

Mr. McPhail commented on the Duffield Conference for Men on June 13-14 and referred to two delegates from the Laymen's Association. He also hopes that a canvass may result in several carloads of men who may attend but who may not stay overnight.

Mr. Mitchell reported that an investigation on the part of Mr. Duffett and himself disclosed that a new top for the Communion table would be only a few pounds lighter than the present old one and recommends no change.

Communion will be held on June 28 and no Preparatory Service will be held prior to the Service.

June 1, 1953, con.

Session Meetings to receive new Members will be held on Sunday, June 21, after church and on Sunday, June 28, at 10:15 A.M.

A PLANNING CONFERENCE will be held on June 28 from 5:00-8:00 o'clock, P.M. which will include supper. Mr. Guinther reported than Pekin is not available and that Messrs. Berryhill and Guinther are working on the Methodist Church at Wilson. A suitable place will be secured in time for the Conference. The supper bill for up to six young people who attend this conference will be paid by the Session. This was approved by the Session.

The Pastor's Fund for June 1, 1953 :-

Received since January report to Session -----	\$ 130.00
Expended in same period -----	78.00
Balance June 1, 1953 -----	409.08

Mr. Duffett says that five Acousticon sets are needed as there are three in service at present. He also reported the meeting of the Presbytery which he attended on April 28 at Buffalo.

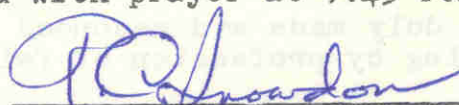
Mr. Mitchell will go to Portville with Mr. Berryhill on June 9.

Mr. Campbell is interested in the local moving-sound picture investigation and Mr. Edwards has added to the Committee, Messrs. Campbell, Shingleton and Snowdon.

Mr. Berryhill reported on the work of the Deacons.

It was proposed by Mr. Berryhill that Session meetings be discontinued during July and August except at the call of the Moderator. There was no objection.

The meeting was regularly adjourned with prayer at 9:45 P.M.


R. C. Snowdon, Clerk.

DISMISSALS- Mrs. Audrey Chapple- 1st Pres. Church, Las Vegas, Nevada
Maj. Charles E. Harris- 1st Pres. Church, Spokane, Wash.
Wm. McDowell- Christ's Church, Glens Falls, N.Y.
Mrs. Rodney Magee- 1st Pres. Auburn, N.Y.
Mrs. J. A. Snedecker- 1st Pres. Church- Las Vegas, Nevada.

June 21, 1953.

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church was called for a special meeting Sunday, June 21, following the regular church service for the purpose of receiving new members.

Present- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Rev. Kenneth Bowser. Elders John B. Edwards, Gordon Shingleton, J. Stuart Fleming, Dr. A. M. Rooker, Stephen Orne, John Guinther, Norman Duffett, Howard McPahil, E. W. Jewett, Dr. R. C. Snowdon, W. H. Mitchell.

Absent- Elders Ralph Wagner, H.E. Morrill, Wm. Campbell, J. G. Marshall.

The following persons presented themselves desiring membership.

BY LETTER- Mrs. Lloyd Pollock- Letter from Westminster Presbyterian Church, St. Petersburg, Florida.
Mrs. Alan R. McMillan (Lillian) 1st Presbyterian Church, Cortland, N.Y.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Toole, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Buffalo, New York.
Mrs. Mary Jane Swann (Randall) Grace Lutheran Church N. Tonawanda, N.Y.
Mr. Randall Swann- 1st Presbyterian Lewiston, N.Y.
Mrs. Paul Brown- 1st Pres. Church, Detroit, Michigan.
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PROFESSION OF FAITH OR REAFFIRMATION-

Mr. Paul B. Brown- BAPTISM
Mrs. Evelyn Reed McCargo- BAPTISM (Mrs. Wm. McCargo)
Mr. Alan R. McMillan

Upon motion duly made and seconded by Dr. Rooker and Mr. Duffett the persons transferring by letter were received.

Upon motion duly made and seconded by Dr. Rooker and Mr. Duffett, the persons coming by profession of faith were received.

It was moved, seconded and carried that a Joint Finance Committee meeting be held at the First meeting in September, joining with the Board of Trustees. after Carried.

It was moved by Mr. Duffett, seconded by Dr. Rooker that Presbytery be invited to send a member of Presbytery to meet with our First Church Boards at the time of preparation for Budgets. Carried.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Ralph C. Snowdon
Ralph C. Snowdon, Clerk.

June 28, 1953

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING

A special meeting of the Session was called Sunday morning, June 28, for the purpose of receiving new members.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Pastor.

The following persons presented themselves desiring membership-

By Letter- Mrs. Julia Sayers Freberg, First Presbyterian Church
Brookville, Pa.

REAFFIRMATION AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Mrs. Mary H. Johnson
Mr. Charles H. Freberg, Jr.
Mr. Robert Hille
Mrs. Robert Hille

Upon motion moved, seconded and carried, the above were accepted into membership.

The payment of \$ 150.00 to National Council of Presbyterian Men was approved and will be placed in the 1953 Budget.

The Session proceeded to participate in the Communion Service in the Sanctuary.

Howard A. McPhail

Howard McPhail
Clerk, Pro Tem.

SUNNARY OF MEMBERS FOR JUNE 1953

By Letter- June 21 and 28-	8
Reaffirmation and	
Confession -----	5
Baptism -----	2 (Mrs. McCargo) (Paul Brown)
	<u>15</u>

DISMISSALS-

Mrs. Harriet Bane to 1st Presbyterian- Niles, Ohio.
Miss Emma Hulen- to Second Congregational- New Castle, Maine

September 14, 1953

SESSION MEETING

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church met on Monday, September 14, 1953, at 7:40 P.M.

PRESENT- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Elders John B. Edwards, John Guinther, Norman Duffett, Howard McPhail, H.E. Morrill, E. W. Jewett, Wm. Campbell, J. G. Marshall, W. H. Mitchell, J. S. Fleming and Dr. R. C. Snowdon. Also- The Rev. Kenneth L. Bowser, Assistant Minister.

ABSENT- Elders Gordon Shingleton, Dr. A. M. Rooker, R. H. Wagner and Stephen Orne.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Charles C. Berryhill.

*(See page 371)

The minutes of the meeting of June 1, 1953, were read and approved as read. Mr. Duffett wishes to have the ushers investigate in an effort to substantiate his statement that "five acousticon sets are needed."

The minutes of the meeting of June 21, 1953 were read and approved as read.

The minutes of the meeting of June 28, 1953, were approved except for "and will be placed in the 1954 Budget" which should be stricken out.

The Financial Reports were not read, but sheets prepared by the Treasurer were distributed to members of Session. These covered the "Benevolent Fund" and "Building Funds" for Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. It was moved and seconded by Messrs. Duffett and Morrill that these reports be accepted and filed. Carried. They follow-

BUILDING FUNDS FOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES IN THE U.S.A-

I- Total Amount of Pledges-----	\$ 10,064.95
II- Number of Pledges-----	240
III- Receipts for 1952-----	\$ 4,756.20
Receipts for June 1953 ---	1,179.00
Receipts in June 1953----	427.00
July 1953 ---	399.50
August 1953 ----	96.00
	<u>\$ 6,857.70</u>
IV- EXPENSES-----	179.38
1-To Building Funds Commission \$	4,576.82
2-Eight months 1953-----	2,101.50
	<u>6,678.32</u>
	<u>\$ 6,857.70</u>

Jean McLaren, Treasurer.

September 14, Con.

BENEVOLENT FUND- for JUNE, JULY and AUGUST, 1953

RECEIPTS-

Cash on hand June 1, 1953	-----	\$ 153.44
Communion Plate	-----	\$ 67.46
Envelopes- June	-----	622.01
July	-----	833.87
August	-----	862.49
		<u>2, 385.83</u>
		\$ 2, 539.27

DISBURSEMENTS-

- To the Boards of the Church	-----	1,000.00
To Presbytery of Buffalo-Niagara, Third Quarter		
Budget A	-----	315.00
Budget B	-----	840.00
		<u>1,155.00</u>

Gifts to-

Auburn Theological Seminary	-----	\$ 50.00
Westminster Foundation-State College,		
Pa.	-----	50.00
Park College, Parkville, Mo.	-----	50.00
World Council of Churches	-----	40.00
		<u>190.00</u>
		\$ 2,345.00
Cash on hand August 31, 1953	-----	194.27
		\$ 2,539.27

SUMMARY-

Expected Benevolences in 1953	-----	\$ 13,620.00
Received to date	-----	8,849.27
		<u>\$ 4,770.73</u>

COMPARISON-

In June 1953 received	\$ 141.67 less than in June 1952
In July 1953 received	181.08 more than in July 1952
In Aug. 1953 received	9.07 less than in Aug. 1952

PERCENT BENEVOLENCE RECEIPTS

<u>Year</u>	<u>6 months</u>	<u>7 months</u>	<u>8 months</u>
1953	52.5%	58.6%	64.9%
1952	52.2%	57.5%	64.6%
1951	48.6%	57.3%	61.6%

Jean McLaren, Treasurer.

In connection with Budget Preparation, Mr. Marshall reported that some items in his figures are to be incorporated in the 1954 budget.

The Session heard about and considered the Associate in Christian Education Plan. It was moved and seconded by Messrs. Guinther and Morrill that the plan be adopted, and recommended that an item of \$ 50.00 be placed in the 1954 budget to cover the payment to the Board. Carried.

Mr. Edwards reported on the E.M.E. Plans.

The Pulpit Committee had no comments.

A Sunday School Pageant planned for the afternoon of December 15, 1953 is being tacitly accepted. There were no adverse comments.

September 27, 1953, is Sunday School Rally Day. It is thought that the Session should march with the school on that day. It was moved and seconded by Messrs. Edwards and Fleming that the Session co-operate with the Committee from whom details will be forth-coming. Carried.

UNIFIED CHURCH SCHOOL PROGRAM

Rev. K. L. Bowser talked at length about "Plan for Unified Service of Sunday Church School" giving interesting details. A copy of the plan is part of these minutes (See attached sheet). Twenty minutes was set aside for discussion. It was brought out that the details of the plan are somewhat tentative. Action was postponed to the next regular Session meeting. The Session looks with favor on exploring the possibility of additional adult classes and expanded Sunday Morning Program.

ORGAN

Mr. Jewett reports that Mr. Templeton contacted four groups, one of whom might be expected to take over the future care of the organ. The very careful study by one group indicates that about \$ 600.00 should be expended on the organ to put in in good shape. The persons involved are Messrs. Jewett and Van Liew and Mrs. Linn. Miss Schwob has been engaged to take over the duties of the contralto. The Westminster Choir will be conducted for some time under present arrangements, perhaps during October, 1953. Other plans were proposed which the Music Committee has under consideration.

Mr. McPhail discussed the coming Laymen's Association year. The Laymen's Association needs new formal constitution which is being prepared. It was moved and seconded by Messrs. Edwards and Morrill that the Session approve the adoption of the new constitution as prepared jointly by the Laymen's Association and the Session's Committee. Carried.

The next Preparatory Service will be held on October 2, 1953. Two Communion Services will be held on October 2, 1953, one at 11:00 A.M. and one at 7:45 P.M. It is recommended that a Communion Service be held on December 6, 1953 and that another service be held on December 27, 1953, during the Sunday School hour as we did last year (1952).

FAMILY NIGHT

Since Mr. Wagner has resigned from the Session, Mr. Berryhill appointed Mr. Orne Chairman of the Committee on Special and Week Day services. The Session approves the addition of educational features for Family Night which go beyond the point of casual entertainment. It was suggested that there be held four Family Nights through the season as last year.

Mr. Guinther has been assigned the duty of securing some distinctive badge or marker for use by new members on Communion Sunday.

PASTOR'S FUND-	Balance on hand June 1, 1953	-----\$ 409.08
	Expended since that date	-----31.50
	Balance September 13, 1953	-----377.58

Plan for Unified Service of Sunday Church School

TIME	WORSHIP IN SANCTUARY	CHURCH SCHOOL IN SESSION
9:30	All adults, youth, junior and primary depts.	Kindergarten, nursery
9:45	Junior and primary leave	kindergarten, nursery, junior, primary.
10:15	End of worship	Same as above youth and adult
10:55		End of church school
11:00	Regular morning worship	Nursery for children under 4
11:20	Children leave service	Primary and junior activities as we now have
12:00	Service ends	

REASONS FOR THIS NEW PROGRAM

1. Another hour of worship to serve adults who wish to be free at 10:15.
2. Worship for parents who can not attend 11:00 a.m. service because of their children.
3. Encourage youth to attend church
4. It would allow the family to worship together for part of the service.
5. Take care of our seating problem at the 11:00 a.m. service.
6. Have most of the junior, primary children in the service instead of the number we now have.
7. Take care of the baby-sitter problem.
8. Provide more time for church school classes. (We are always seeking ways to have more time for the lessons.)
9. Give minister opportunities to speak to parents about the church school materials, (Which are to be used in the home by the parents and children.)
10. Additional hour for Holy Communion and Special services such as Lenten, Christmas, Palm Sunday etc.
11. Possible additional use of the Westminster Choir.

September 14, con.

Mr. Mitchell reported briefly about his attendance at Presbytery at Portville. Mr. Guinther will go to Presbytery on September 15, 1953. This was approved by Session.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING to approve the Tentative Budgets for 1954 was approved for October 19, 1953.

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that Mr. Mack's Plan whereby the Deacons manage the Parish Group Plan be adopted.

The Moderator presented a letter referring to the need for the Rehabilitation of Korean churches, schools, etc. which came from Dr. John A. Mackay, Moderator of General Assembly. It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the loose offering collected at both services on Communion Sunday, October 4, 1953, be turned over to Dr. Mackay for this purpose.

*(This item should be at beginning of minutes.)

(Miss Lorraine Saunders was present in person to meet the Session. She offers a letter from
The Session voted to accept Miss Saunders for membership.)

The meeting closed with prayer by Messrs. Duffett and Edwards at 10:40 o'clock, P.M.

R. C. Snowden, Clerk.

J. C. Snowdon

September 27
1953

SPECIAL MEETING

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church met on Sunday, September 27, 1953, after the regular church service.

PRESENT- Elders John B. Edwards, Howard McPhail, Norman Duffett, Wm. Mitchell, Stephen Orne, Howard Morrill, R. C. Snowdon, Gordon Shingleton, E. W. Jewett, John Guinther and Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Rev. Kenneth L. Bowser, Assistant Minister.

ABSENT- J. S. Fleming, Dr. A. M. Rooker, R. H. Wagner, Wm. Campbell, J. G. Marshall.

The meeting was held to interview new members. The following were presented-

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Crago-

Mr. Crago- Letter from Calvary Presbyterian Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

Mrs. Crago (Helen) West Presbyterian Church, Binghamton, N.Y.

Miss Mary Kaser- Central Presbyterian Church, Lafayette, Indiana

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that these persons be received into membership in this church.

BY REAFFIRMATION-

Mr. Martin Hodgins

Mr. Leonard Sangster (Scottish Church at Kininmonth, Scotland)

Mrs. Leonard (Phyllis Sangster- " " "

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that these persons be accepted into membership in this church.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 P.M. with prayer.

R. C. Snowdon
R. C. Snowdon, Clerk.

October 4, 1953.

A short meeting of the Session was held preceding the communion service on October 4, 1953, at 10:45 A.M.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill.

The date for Congregational Meeting which had been set for October 19, 1953, was changed to Wednesday, October 21, 7:45 P.M. as the first date conflicted with other programs.

The above was regularly moved, seconded and carried .

The Session then adjourned to the Communion Service.

R. C. Snowdon
R. C. Snowdon, Clerk.

October 4, 1953

SUMMARY OF NEW MEMBERS FOR OCTOBER COMMUNION

By Letter- Mr. Richard Crago
 Mrs. Richard Crago (Helen)
 Miss Mary Kaser
 Miss Lorraine Saunders

REAFFIRMATION-

Mr. Martin Hodgins
 Mrs. Leonard Sangster (Phyllis)
 Mr. Leonard Sangster

LETTER -----4

REAFFIRMATION- 3

Total 7

DISMISSALS-

Clark Bunnell- to Curwensville Presbyterian Church
 Curwensville, Pa.
 Mr. and Mrs. John Vockrodt- to First Presbyterian
 Church, Lewiston, N.Y.
 Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wagner- to The Methodist Church
 Orono, Maine.
 Mrs. Irene Golightly (formerly Mrs. C.H. Trow)
 to Westminster Presbyterian Church
 Bridgeport, Conn.

DEATHS since May 1- 1953

J. A. Snedecker - May 6, 1953
 Mrs. Lillie Stricker - May 24, 1953
 Kathleen Murray (child) - June 2, 1953.
 Mrs. Margaret Horton - June 6, 1953
 Mrs. Edward Wittigschlager - June 26, 1953
 Mrs. Mattie Shaunnessy - Sept. 2- 1953
 Mrs. Janet Pendergast- Sept. 15, 1953.
 Mr. Matthew Laughlin- - September 22, 1953

APPROVED**The Presbytery of Buffalo-Niagara**Ray K. Hallin

Moderator

Date Oct. 20, 1953

REGULAR SESSION MEETING

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church held its regular meeting on Monday, October 5, at 7:30 P.M.

Present- Moderator, the Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and assistant minister, Rev. Kenneth L. Bowser; Elders Gordon Shingleton, Dr. A. M. Rooker, Stephen Orne, John Guinther, Norman Duffett, Howard McPhail, E. W. Jewett, Wm. Campbell, J. G. Marshall and W. H. Mitchell.

Absent- John Edwards, Stuart Fleming, Howard Morrill and Dr. R. C. Snowden.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator, the Rev. Charles C. Berryhill.

The minutes of the regular meeting held September 14, 1953, September 27 and October 4 special meetings were read and approved as read.

Copies of the report on Benevolences prepared by the Treasurer, were passed out for reading; also the Building Funds report.

They follow-

BENEVOLENT FUND	
RECEIPTS- Cash on hand Sept. 1, 1953	\$ 194.27
Envelopes	\$ 695.47
U.S.Savings Bond (Young Legacy)-	18.75
	<u>714.22</u>
	\$ 908.49
Youth Budget Benevolences	<u>315.00</u>
	\$ 1,223.49

DISBURSEMENTS-

Boards of the Church	
Church	\$ 600.00
Youth Budget	<u>315.00</u>
	\$ 915.00
*Cash on hand September 30, 1953	<u>308.49</u>
	\$ 1,223.49

* A larger balance than usual is being retained in order to be able to meet the last quarter Presbytery tax, payable in October.

SUMMARY-

Expected Benevolences in 1953	\$ 13,620.00
Received to date (including Youth Budget)	<u>9,878.49</u>
	\$ 3,741.51

COMPARISON-

In September 1953, received (including Youth Budget)
\$ 105.59 less than in September 1952 (including Youth Budget)

** Nine months receipts- 1953 - 72.5%
1952 - 73.8%
1951 - 70 %

** Per cent for 1953, 1952 does include Youth Budget Benevolences, per cent for 1951 does not include them.

J. McLaren, Treasurer.

October 5, con.
Regular Meeting

BUILDING FUNDS FOR PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCHES IN U.S.A.

I- Total amount of pledges -----		\$ 10,064.95
II-Number of pledges - 240		
III-Receipts for 1952-----	\$ 4,756.20	
Receipts to Sept. 1953 -----	2,101.50	
Receipts in Sept. 1953 -----	<u>52.00</u>	\$ 6,909.70
IV- Disbursements-		
A- Expenses -----		\$ 179.38
B- To Building Funds Commission		
1- In 1952-----	\$ 4,576.82	
2- Nine months 1953 ----	<u>2,153.50</u>	\$ 6,730.32
		\$ 6,909.70

NOTE- In the first eighteen months, this church has sent 84.1% of its pledge of \$ 8,000.00 to the Building Funds Commission.

68.6% of the 10,064.95 in pledges has been received in eighteen months.

J. McLaren, Treasurer.

A question was raised as to the exact amount pledged to the Building Funds Commission- \$ 8000.00 or \$ 10,064.00

Mr. Marshall, as chairman of the Finance Committee, commented on Budget making progress, explaining changes proposed. The major change is in an increase of about \$ 1000.00 to church boards. It was stated that funds pledged are assigned as indicated and unallotted amounts are divided on basis of budget.

It was moved by Dr. Rooker, seconded by Mr. Jewett that the report by Mr. Marshall be acceptable to Session and approved for submission to joint boards before presenting to the congregation. Carried.

Report of Youth Budget was made by Mr. Campbell- copies distributed.

A question was raised as to need of change in plan. Might be possible for youth to pledge to shoulder a per cent of church budget.

It was moved by Mr. Orne, seconded and carried that the youth budget be approved as submitted.

Report on offering of \$ 272.00 received on October 4 for Korean rehabilitation fund.

Mr. Orne reported on EME plan.

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Con.

The Music Committee, Mr. Jewett, chairman, reported that Mrs. Richard Crago would be willing to direct the Westminster Chorus. She suggested the move be considered tentative.

It was moved by Dr. Rooker, seconded by Mr. Guinther that Mr. Jewett be authorized to act on this. Carried.

Mr. Marshall feels that the Music Committee should study the music as it relates to the young people's interests.

The ballots on Unified Service Plan reported on by Mr. Berryhill. He suggested that the Sunday Church School and Young People's committee consider this and submit a recommendation for November meeting of Session. Would a six weeks trial be desirable?

It was moved by Mr. Shingleton, seconded by Mr. Guinther that the committee consider this. Carried.

It was reported that 427 partook of Communion on October 4th.

Mr. Berryhill proposed that the list of those who did not sign attendance cards be subdivided among the elders and the effort be made to contact them by letter.

A suggestion given to him by one of congregation, submitted by Dr. Rooker, that all partake of bread and wine at the same time.

Mr. Guinther reported on Presbytery meeting at Hamburg- described the church as beautiful with ample parking space. The next meeting will be at Lewiston. By motion made, seconded and passed, Mr. Shingleton will be our representative with Mr. Morrill as alternate.

The question was raised as to whether the flags are in the best position in the church. If the elders can get any idea on this from other churches it would be of interest.

The Deacons are considering the proposed plan that they take over the Parish Group leadership.

It was suggested that a committee consisting of Messrs . Guinther and Fleming make recommendation as to care of records of the church and naming a Church Historian. Carried.

The meeting closed with prayer by Mr. Wm. Campbell at 10:25 P.M.

Norman Duffett
Norman Duffett
Acting as Clerk.

November 2, 1953

SESSION MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Session was held on Monday, November 2, at the Manse, 162 Buffalo Avenue, at 7:30 o'clock.

Present- Moderator, The Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Rev. Kenneth L. Bowser, Assistant Minister. Also Elders Gordon Shingleton, John B. Edwards, Howard McPhail, E. W. Jewett, R.C. Snowdon, William Campbell, J. G. Marshall, W. H. Mitchell, H. E. Morrill, Norman Duffett and Stephen Orne.

Absent- Elders Dr. A. M. Rooker, J. Stuart Fleming and John Guinther.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Charles C. Berryhill.

The minutes of the meeting of October 5 were read and approved as read.

Reports covering the Benevolent Fund and the Building Funds were read as follows-

BENEVOLENT FUND-

RECEIPTS- Cash on hand October 1, 1953	-----	\$ 308.49
Envelopes	-----	1,381.45
		<u>1,689.94</u>
Youth Budget Benevolences	-----	150.00
		<u>1,839.94</u>

DISBURSEMENTS-

Presbytery Tax- 4th Quarter		
Budget A	-----	\$ 315.00
Budget B- Church	-----	690.00
Youth Budget	-----	150.00
Boards of the Church		<u>1,155.00</u>
		500.00
		<u>1,655.00</u>
Cash on hand October 31, 1953	-----	184.94
		<u>1,839.94</u>

SUMMARY-

Expected Benevolences in 1953	-----	13,620.00
Received to date (including Youth B.)	-----	11,409.94
Amount to be collected	-----	<u>2,210.06</u>

COMPARISON-

In October 1953, received (including Youth Budget)
\$ 374.15 more than in October 1952

Ten months Receipts--	1953 -	83.7%
	1952 -	83.1%
	1951 -	80.7%

FOR KOREAN REHABILITATION

Received in October 1953	-----	\$ 301.13
Sent to the Central Receiving Agency		
for Boards of the Church	-----	301.13

J. McLaren, Treasurer.

Session Minutes
Nov. 2, 1953

BUILDING FUNDS FOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES IN THE U.S.A.

I-	Total amount of Pledges -----	\$ 10,064.95
II-	Number of Pledges -----	240
III-	Receipts for 1952-----	\$ 4,756.20
	Receipts for October 1953 -----	2,153.50
	Receipts for October 1953 -----	<u>416.50</u>
		7,326.20
IV-	Disbursements-	
	A- Expenses -----	179.38
	B- To Building Funds Commission	
	1- In 1952 -----	\$ 4,576.82
	2- In Ten Months 1953 -----	<u>2,570.00</u>
		7,146.82
		<u>\$ 7,326.20</u>

Jean McLaren, Treasurer.

It was moved and seconded by Messrs. Morrill and Jewett that the report be accepted. Carried.

The question recorded in the minutes of October 5, 1953, page 375 relative to the Building Funds Commission quota is assured. The pledge is \$ 8000.00

The answer to the action taken at the Congregational meeting of October 23, 1953 in the matter of the Finance Committee is as follows- Session- J. Stuart Fleming, H. E. Morrill.

It was moved and seconded by Messrs. Duffett and Orne that the members of our church be sent a letter endorsing the New Hope Baptist Church appeal for aid in their Building Program according to the Religious Fellowship's recent action and asking our membership to participate, after January 10, 1954. Carried.

A report by Messrs. McPhail and Shingleton in the matter of the Expanded Sunday morning Program (pages 370A and 376) over a trial period from January 17 to April 18, 1954 inclusive was made. It was duly moved, seconded and carried that this report be adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Morrill, seconded by Mr. Edwards that the Session request that the present Committee on Sunday School and Young People consisting of Messrs. McPhail, Shingleton and Campbell be asked to continue its services to the end of the program and to make such changes in the program from time to time as may be deemed advisable. Carried.

The Session ordered inclusion in these minutes the following-

CHURCH SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

A meeting of the Church School committee, Mr. McPhail, Chairman: and Messrs. Campbell and Shingleton, was held October 28 to make recommendations to the Session concerning the proposed two service Sunday morning program.

SESSION MINUTES Nov. 2, con.

After consideration of the representative ballots of church families, views of the Church School leaders, and views expressed at the recent Congregational Meeting, the Committee recommends adoption of the proposed two services Sunday morning program on a trial basis with the following provisions:

- 1- The Sunday morning program achedule to be as published in the church bulletin as the Modification of First Draft presented. (bulletin attached)
- 2- The trial period should run from January 17-April 18, inclusive.
- 3- A detailed evaluation of the trial period should be made with particular emphasis upon signing of attendance cards to aid in this evaluation.
- 4- The evaluation report should be made to the Session in order that the Session may vote at the April, 1954 meeting upon the future of the two service Sunday morning program.
- 5- Particular emphasis should be paid in the trial period to the following points:
 - a. Kindergarten and nursery- The proposed plan extends the kindergarten and nursery time longer than at present. The optimum time should be determined.
 - b. Offering- Provision must be made concerning allocation of offering with regard to the Youth Budget.
 - c. Visual Aids and Church School Announcements- The present proposal makes no provision for group Church School visual aid programs or announcements since no group time is scheduled. Any such time must be deducted from class time.
 - d. The proposed plan increases class time for junior, primary, nursery, and kindergarten, but decreases this time for youth and adults where more time is desirable.
 - e- Under the proposed plan it could be possible that cases would arise where teachers of the kindergarten, nursery, primary, and junior departments would either have only fifteen minutes available for church service or would attend church service at a time different than that chosen by their families.

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The Rev. Kenneth L. Bowser submitted "A Plan for the organization and Functions of our Christian Education Committee." It was moved by Mr. Orne, seconded by Mr. Edwards that the Session accept the adoption of the plan. ~~plan~~. Carried. It follows-

This plan was approved by our Christian Education Committee on October 17, 1953. Members present were- Kenneth Bowser, Chairman; Charles Berryhill, Clarence Jackson, Mrs. Emmons Jaquish, Mrs. L. Cunnick and Mr. H. McPhail.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership- 12. To be appointed by the Session. There will be three classes of 4 members each to serve for three years.

QUALIFICATIONS for members:-

Two shall be the last two ex-general superintendents.

Three past teachers for the children's division, youth division, and the adult division.

Committee of Sunday Church School from the Session. (One from each class on the Session)

Three parents at large appointed by the Session.

A public school teacher or an official from the public schools who is a member of the church.

Assistant minister.

The minister and the general superintendent shall be ex-officio members.

FUNCTIONS

The objectives of the Christian Education Committee shall lie within the framework of the following areas:

- 1- Supervision of the total program of educational functions in our church.
- 2- To study needs and evaluate present program.
- 3- To provide resource materials, new materials, and audio visual aids.
- 4- To study present building, equipment and furnishings.
- 5- To secure personnel.
- 6- To advise on the budgets of Sunday Church School, weekday church school, vacation Bible school, mission studies, special adult education, special interest groups.
- 7- To co-ordinate all these programs with the total church program.
- 8- To take responsibility for decisions as to personnel, procedures and program.
- 9- To seek to interest the congregation in Christian Education.
- 10- To provide representation on community projects.

This plan is recommended by our Board of Christian Education. This plan is based on the bulletin No. 603 of the National Council of Churches, "The Local Church Board of Christian Education."

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The Session announces that the next Communion shall be held at the time of the regular service on December 6, 1953. At the usual time, a Preparatory Service will be held December 4. Another Communion Service will be held on December 27, 1953 at 9:45 A.M. for which no Preparatory Service will be held.

The ushers held a dinner at the church on October 27, 1953. The dinner cost more than the \$.50 which the ushers were charged. It was moved by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Marshall that the extra cost be paid from Benevolent contingencies. Carried.

The Pastor's Fund report follows-

Balance reports to Session Sept. 1953	-----	\$ 377.68
Expended	-----	5.00
Received	-----	20.00
Balance November 2, 1953	-----	392.68

Mr. Shingleton reported verbally on the Presbytery meeting at Lewiston held October 13, 1953.

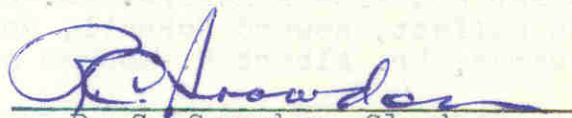
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It was duly moved, seconded and carried that Mr. Morrill be appointed alternate for R. C. Snowdon at the Presbytery meeting to be ehld November 24, 1953.

Mr. McPhail reports that Harold Spencer, Sagamore Apts. wishes his name to be stricken from the Church Roll. It was duly moved, seconded and carried that this be done.

A list of names of shut-ins was given to each Elder.

The meeting adjourned with prayers by Messrs. Morrill and Edwards at 10:22 o'clock, P.M.


R. C. Snowdon, Clerk.

Nov. 12, 1953

SESSION SPECIAL MEETING

This meeting was called at the order of the Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill, on November 12, 1953 at the First Presbyterian Church.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator at 8:30 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of considering the call which the Rev. Kenneth L. Bowser had received from the First Presbyterian Church, Whitesboro, New York.

There were present- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill, Rev. Kenneth L. Bowser and Elders Messrs. Wm. Campbell, John Guinther, W. H. Mitchell, Norman Duffett, Howard McPhail, Howard E. Morrill, R. C. Snowdon, John B. Edwards, Dr. Albert M. Rooker and Gordon Shingleton.

Absent- Elders E. W. Jewett, J. G. Marshall, S. W. Orne and J.S. Fleming.

Rev. Kenneth L. Bowser was asked to take the floor to tell about the circumstances leading to the call which he had received. After several congratulatory remarks from the members, he was asked to leave the meeting.

During Mr. Bowser's absence, the Session discussed the matter and set up a Committee of two, Dr. Rooker and Mr. Duffett, to prepare an informal resolution for inclusion in the Session Record. It was also duly moved, seconded and carried that Mr. Bowser be relieved of his duties with us at his request, as of December 7, 1953; that he be paid \$ 100.00 of his salary on or about December 1, the usual time, that he be given a check for the remainder of his unearned December salary, \$ 80.00 plus \$ 100.00, to be handed to him after the Communion Service on December 6, the last to be paid from Funds Controlled by Session.

It was decided to hold a reception in the Chapel for the Rev. Kenneth L. and Mrs. Bowser after the Communion Service on December 6. The Session Committee consists of Messrs. Shingleton, Morrill and Snowdon.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Mr. Berryhill at 9:30 o'clock, P.M.

R. C. Snowdon, Clerk.

SESSION SPECIAL MEETING
Nov. 22, 1953.

This Special Meeting was held at First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, November 22, 1953 at the call of the Moderator, and immediately after the close of the regular morning service at 12:10 o'clock, P.M.

Those present were- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill, Messrs. John Guinther, E. W. Jewett, J. S. Fleming, H. McPhail, S. Orne, W. H. Mitchell, Dr. A. M. Rooker, H. E. Morrill, J. B. Edwards, R. C. Snowden.

The meeting opened following divine service.

The matter at hand is concerned with the method to be pursued for handling a contribution to the New Hope Baptist Church. After some discussion, it was duly moved, seconded and carried that our church shall set up a special collection on December 13, 1953 in collaboration with the Christmas Pageant, the Sunday Church School and emphasis on the New Hope program. This is definitely an offering, no pressure will be brought to bear, and the opportunity will be stressed.

Dr. Rooker then presented and read a document in the form of an informal resolution, having to do with the resignation of Kenneth L. Bowser. It was duly moved, seconded and carried that this resolution be made a part of these minutes and that it be read to the congregation on December 6 at the morning service. The Text of the Resolution follows:

"It is with great regret we announce that our Assistant minister, the Rev. Kenneth L. Bowser, has accepted a call to the First Presbyterian Church, Whitesboro, New York, and will be leaving us about December 7, 1953.

While Mr. Bowser has been with us the past two and one half years, he has endeared himself to all of us, because of his earnestness and devotion to the Master's service. This is particularly true in regard to his relations with the young people of the church school with whom he has done a very outstanding work. The young married people too, have accepted his inspired leadership with hearty approval and deep interest.

His wife, Anne, who has endeared herself to so many of the young people, and also to the ladies of our church by her gracious manner and her willingness to assume more than her share of the work, will also be missed by all.

We, the Session, speaking for the entire congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Niagara Falls, wish to express to each of them our sincere appreciation for the splendid work they have done while with us, and to commend them to

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their new field of work, with our best wishes and hearty congratulation in their new and greater opportunity for service in the Master's Kingdom. "

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mr. Berryhill at 12:53 o'clock, P.M.

R. C. Snowden
R. C. Snowden, Clerk.

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING

November 29, 1953

A special meeting of the Session was called Sunday morning, November 29, immediately following the Morning Service for the purpose of receiving new members.

Present- Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Berryhill and Elders Howard McPhail, H. E. Morrill, J. G. Marshall and Wm. Campbell, John Guinther.

Absent- Elders John Edwards, Gordon Shingleton, J. S. Fleming, Dr. A. M. Rooker, Stephen Orne, Norman Duffett, E. W. Jewett, R. C. Snowden, W. H. Mitchell.

The following persons presented themselves desiring membership into this Church-

BY LETTER-

Mrs. Robert Brautigam (Joan) Letter from United Church of Canada
Mr. Gordon Meyer- St. Paul's Methodist Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
Mrs. Gordon Meyer (June) " "
Mr. Abram Davis- Letter from Diocese of Chicago Christ Church Winnetka, Illinois.
Mrs. Abram Davis (Barbara B.) Letter from Highland Park Presbyterian Church, Highland Park, Illinois.

BY REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH-

John D. Oakes
Mrs. John D. Oakes

All were duly accepted by action of Session.

Meeting closed with prayer.

John Guinther
John Guinther, Clerk pro tem

December 4, 1953

SESSION MINUTES

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church met following the Preparatory Service Friday, December 4, 1953, at 9:05 o'clock, P.M.

PRESENT- Moderator, the Rev. Charles C. Berryhill, Rev. Kenneth L. Bowser and Elders Gordon Shingleton, Dr. A. M. Rooker, John Guinther, Howard McPhail, Dr. R. C. Snowdon, William Campbell, J. G. Marshall, W. H. Mitchell and J. S. Fleming.

ABSENT- Elders Norman Duffett, Howard E. Morrill, E. W. Jewett, John B. Edwards and Stephen Orne.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Charles C. Berryhill.

The following persons presented themselves desiring membership in the church-

BY LETTER-

Miss Lillian Moncrieff, Letter from Central Presbyterian Church
Rochester, N.Y.

Mr. Harry Ambler, Letter from the Zion Lutheran Evangelical Church,
Niagara Falls, New York.

BY CONFESSION OR REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH-

Mrs. Harry Ambler (Elizabeth Humphrey)

All of these persons were duly accepted for membership by action of the Session.

The minutes for the regular meeting of November 3, 1953 and of the special meeting of November 22, 1953, were read and approved as read.

The Treasurer's Reports for November 1953 covering the Benevolent Fund and the Building Funds were reported, read and accepted as follows-

BENEVOLENT FUND FOR NOVEMBER 1953

RECEIPTS-

Cash on hand November 1, 1953	-----	\$ 184.94
Envelopes	-----	1,107.28
Voluntary Trust	-----	10.75
		<u>\$ 1,302.97</u>
Youth Budget Benevolences	-----	11.05
		<u>\$ 1,314.02</u>

DISBURSEMENTS-

Westminster Foundation in New York State	-----	75.11
Boards of the Church	-----	\$ 1,000.00
Youth Budget-Special Thanksgiving		
from Junior Dept.	-----	11.05
		<u>\$1,011.05</u>
		<u>\$1,086.16</u>
Cash on hand November 30, 1953	-----	227.86
		<u>\$1,314.02</u>

SUMMARY-

Expected Benevolences in 1953	-----	13,620.00
Received to date (including Youth Budget	-----	12,539.02
Amount to be collected	-----	1,080.98

COMPARISON-

In November, 1953, received (including Youth Budget)
\$ 82.50 less than in November, 1952.

Eleven Months Receipts- 1953 - 92%
1952 - 92%
1951 - 88%

Note- As of this date, all budget items which were to be distributed in the Benevolent Fund have been completed.

Self allocation for 1953 to the Central Receiving Agency-	\$10,800.00
Paid to November 30, 1953 -----	11,526.05
In excess of Church Share -----	726.05

J. McLaren, Treasurer.

BUILDING FUNDS FOR PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCHES IN U.S.A.

I- Total Amount of Pledges -----	\$ 10,064.95
II- Number of Pledges -----	240
III-Receipts for 1952 -----	\$ 4,750.20
Receipts to November 1953 -----	2,570.00
Receipts in November 1953 -----	216.50
	<u>7,542.70</u>
IV- Disbursements-	
A- Expenses -----	179.38
B- To Building Funds Commission	
1- In 1952-----	\$ 4,576.82
2- In Eleven Months 1953 --	2,786.50
	<u>7,363.32</u>
	\$ <u>7,542.70</u>

Jean McLaren, Treasurer.

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A letter from Dr. Paul S. Heath was read. It concerns a gift of \$ 25.00 for the support of a religious leader at the University of Buffalo and repeats last year/

By appropriate action of the Session, the request was granted.
(Benevolent Fund.)

The New York State Council of Churches requests funds for its support. By action of the Session, funds to the extent of \$ 20.00 is granted. (Benevolent Fund)

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH BUILDING FUND- By appropriate action, the Session set up the following arrangement. By December 3, 1953, the Benevolent Fund should show a favorable balance. By way of Sunday School activity and the "Envelope" plan on December 13, 1953, certain money will be provided for New Hope. After the above mentioned plans plus a possible contribution from the Session Fund we have assured a gift of \$ 300.00 for New Hope.

The Session directs that the year end balance except for \$ 100.00 shall be distributed in the usual manner among the Boards of the church.

Mr. Guinther has been designated to make provision for the indention of New Members as they are received into our Church into our church on Sunday following action by the Session. Mr. Guinther suggests that the men be given one chrysanthemum pom pom and the ladies three pom poms with ribbon et al to make a simple corsage. It was duly moved, seconded and carried that the arrangement be accepted. (Benevolent contingencies)

The Sunday Church School and Young People's Committee of the Session is asked to act in an advisory capacity to Mr. Berryhill in the matter of a new assistant minister.

Mr. Orne has the matter of the Family Nights in hand.

The members of the Session were urgently requested to read the article in Presbyterian Life of November 4, entitled, "This Nation Under God."

The annual booklet will be prepared and ready for a meeting on the last Monday of January 1954.

The Clerk attended and reported on the Presbytery meeting of November 4, 1953.

Mr. Campbell reported for the Nominating Committee for officers of the Church School. His report is not final but we are ordered to note that the following positions are definitely filled by the persons whose names are shown below, who are approved by the Session and are therefore appointed to serve during 1954:-

The Committee consists of- Mrs. Clingersmith (Nursery), Mrs. Mitchell, (Kindergarten), Mrs. McPhail (Primary), Mrs. Mycock (Junior) Mr. Shingleton and Mr. Campbell (Chairmen)

NURSERY DEPARTMENT- Superintendent- Mrs. John Naill
1st Assistant- Mrs. John Jenkinson
2nd Assistant- Mrs. Leonard Clingersmith

KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT-
Superintendent- Mrs. Fred Keeler
1st Assistant - Mrs. Robert Mitchell
2nd Assistant - Mrs. George Cruickshank
Sec'y & Pianist- Mrs. Forrest Barter

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT- Superintendent- Mrs. Charles MacDonald (Starts March 1)
(Mrs. Howard McPhail will serve until March 1)
1st Assistant- Mrs. Howard McPhail
2nd Assistant- Mrs. Clarence Jackson
3rd Assistant- Mrs. Marshall Baker
Sec'y - Mrs. William Watson
Pianist- Mrs. B.E. Schaeffer

Mr. John Youel will serve as Superintendent for one year only.

Other departments will be covered in a final report in the near future.

It was duly moved and seconded by Dr. Rooker and Mr. Guinther that Mr. Campbell's report be accepted and filed. Carried.

Mr. Guinther reported in connection with the Historical Record Storage assignment. He suggests that such records be microfilmed and the film stored in a fire and thief proof place. Mr. Berryhill will cooperate in setting up the value of records for permanent preservation, for micro-filming, etc.

Mr. Guinther in his canvass of the property for storage purposes, found some broken furniture, etc. which he regards as a fire hazard. The Clerk was required to report these findings to David Robertson of the Trustees. This was done.

Certain persons have asked to have their names stricken from the Church Rolls, all for good reasons and at their request-

Raymond Ablett- 1520½ Eights St.

Mrs. Myrtle Binkley- 232 Sixth St.

Thomas McKibben- 1711 22nd St.

By action of Session all of these persons were dismissed at their own request.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Mr. Campbell at 10:35 o'clock, P.M.

R. C. Snowdon

R. C. Snowdon,
Clerk.

OCTOBER 21, 1953

MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
October 21, 1953

According to notice duly given in the church program on October 18, 1953, this meeting was held in the Chapel for the purpose of considering and adopting the budgets for 1945.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Charles C. Berryhill at 8:00 o'clock, P.M. There were 38 persons present. The Clerk of the Session acted as Secretary of the meeting.

The Moderator then asked for nominations for a chairman from the floor and Mr. Duffett received the nomination. There were no other nominations. It was moved, seconded and carried that nominations be closed and also that Mr. Duffett be elected Chairman of the meeting.

Representing the Trustees, Mr. Van Liew was called to the floor to discuss items in the "Proposed Budget," Operating Fund, controlled by the Board of Trustees. A question was raised in the matter of "Planning Study, \$ 1000.00." This was discussed by Messrs. Berryhill, Orne, Van Liew, Bowser, Patch, Runals and Mrs. Campbell. It would appear that the item had been introduced to care for expense of expert engineering consultants in case of possible changes in the property in the future.

It was moved and seconded by Messrs. Morrill and Bovier that the above noted section of the budget be approved, leaving out the item "Planning Study \$ 1000.00." Carried. Last total \$ 17,345.00

Mr. Orne was called to the floor to comment on "Proposed Budget, Operating Fund, Items Controlled by the Session." Comments were made by Mr. Edwards and Mrs. McKellips.

It was moved and seconded by Messrs. Runals and Guinther that the above noted section of the Budget be accepted. Carried.
Total- \$ 19,212.00.

Mr. Orne then discussed the section "Proposed Budget, Benevolent Fund." He stated that this budget is controlled by the General Assembly, and that for each \$ 1.00 set up for "Ourselves" (Operating Fund), we should set up \$ 0.50 for "Others." This section was discussed by Messrs. Elderfield, Habgood, Patch, Berryhill, Look, Johnson. During the discussion of "Contingencies," when mention was made of the Religious Fellowship plan for helping the New Hope Baptist Church and their new building effort, Mr. Patch suggested that our 1954 Benevolent Budget include \$ 500.00 as a specific gift for the New Hope cause. There were several comments from the floor. Mr. Patch moved that the suggested \$ 500.00 item be included as indicated above. The motion was not seconded.

It was moved and seconded by Messrs. Morrill and Runals that the above Section be approved. Carried. Total- 14,670.00.

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October 21, 1953.

Mr. Campbell discussed the "Youth Budget, Operating Fund." This section was also discussed by Messrs. Morrill and Patch.

It was moved and seconded by Messrs. Habgood and Morrill that the above section be approved. Carried. Total \$ 2800.00.

Mr. Van Liew was given the floor. He stated that he had^{been} requested by the Board of Trustees to discuss by reading from a prepared script, "Suggested comments for Mr. Fred Van Liew, to be presented at the Congregational meeting in the First Presbyterian Church, October 21, 1953." The purport of the suggestion appears to be that an Advisory Financial group is now needed to consist of-

Two representatives from the Session, appointed by the Moderator.

Two representatives from the Trustees, appointed by the President.

Two representatives from the Congregation at large, appointed by the chairman of the meeting.

Mr. Van Liew suggested that such committee be appointed.

It was moved and seconded by Messrs. Johnson and Edwards that such committee be appointed as above to be directed to report at the Congregational meeting in January, 1954. Comments were made by Messrs. Edwards, Berryhill, Patch and Mrs. Campbell. It was put to a vote and carried. The committee appointed consists of Fred Keeler, Edwin Broden, James Marshall, Howard Morrill, H.P. Brown and Elton Hall.

Mr. Edwards was called on to discuss the manner of handling the Every Member Enrollment.

In connection with the budget item "Associates in Christian Education," Mrs. Garrect commented on "Possible Recipients of Special Recognition of Outstanding Persons."

The Two Service on Sunday morning program was brought up. Mr. Berryhill commented and asked for hands in favor of the program. Eighteen persons responded in favor of the plan as an experiment. One person voted against the plan.

By order of the Chairman, these minutes were read to the group. It was duly moved, seconded and carried that the minutes be approved as read.

The meeting closed with a showing of slides with voice and a prayer by Mr. Duffett at 9:30 P.M.

R. C. Snowden, Clerk of Session.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, JANUARY 25, 1954

The annual congregational meeting of the First Presbyterian Church was called together at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Berryhill offered prayer after which he read the call for the meeting. John B. Edwards was elected Clerk and Fred Van Liew was elected Chairman of the Corporation Meeting. There were approximately 80 members of the congregation present.

The first item of business was the nominations for trustees as presented by Mr. Lloyd Bovier for the Nominating Committee. A motion was made and seconded and carried to accept the following nominations:

Dr. McCarter Brown

Mrs. Charles Kuhns

Elton Hall

Mrs. Fred Matthews. (Vote for 1)

Eugene Nutting (Vote for 4)

Richard O'Brien

Sherman Thomas

Mr. Van Liew then gave a report of the Board of Trustees pointing out the noticeable improvements in housekeeping and safety which had been effected by their committee. Miss McLaren gave a Treasurer's report which has been filed in the Review and Outlook magazine. A motion was made by Messrs. Mitchell and Mifflin to accept the report. Carried. Mr. Mifflin then made a motion seconded by Dr. Rooker to give a vote of thanks to J. B. Edwards for his efforts in the past financial campaign. Carried.

The next item on the agenda was a report by Mr. Keeler on the need of an advisory financial group. His report is included in the minutes.* There were several questions, one concerning the legality of the new organization which was satisfactorily passed by Mr. Berryhill. Some comments were made on the presence of women on the committee and it was pointed out that women could be chosen as representatives of the congregation. The report was very highly praised for it seems that a central advisory group of the several budgets now in existence are needed. An attempt was made to table the acceptance of the report pending receipt of the planning committee's report. Mr. Davis and Mr. Myer made this motion. However, it did not pass the vote of the congregation. A second motion was made by Mr. Keith Demmon and seconded by Mrs. Linn to accept the above report. This was passed by the congregation.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that the Advisory Financial Group consist of six persons- 2 Elders to be named by the Moderator of Session; 2 Trustees to be named by the President of the Board of Trustees and 2 persons to be named by the Clerk of this meeting, Mr. John B. Edwards. Those named were Stephen Orne, H. E. Morrill, E. B. Hall, Fred Keeler,

The next item on the agenda was the report of the planning committee by Mr. Keith Demmon. Mr. Demmon's report is attached to the minutes. In brief, Mr. Demmon brought to the attention of the congregation the possible usefulness of the YMCA building when sold, also the request for \$ 300.00 to investigate changes in the front of the Church sanctuary. A motion was made and seconded by Mr. Long and Mr. K. Burr McGhee and passed by the congregation to adopt Mr. Demmon's recommendations as suggestions only.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to send a letter to the YMCA Board of Directors to indicate our interest in the present building if it is to be sold.

The meeting of the Society was then temporarily adjourned.

The First Presbyterian Church Congregation was then called to order by the Moderator, Mr. Berryhill. The nominations submitted by Mr. Bovier for Elders were as follows:

Donald M. Clayton.	James Lumsden
Keith Demmon	John Youel (Vote for 2)
Albert E. Habgood	
Russell M. Look (Vote for 5)	
John H. Mifflin	
Edward A. Montgomery	

The nominations for deacons were as follows:

Marshall E. Baker	Mrs. Robert Donovan
John A. Brunn	Mrs. Robert Green
Platon G. Collipp (Vote for 3)	Mrs. Robert Wilson (Vote for 2)
Tibor Gall	
William R. Niehaus	
James B. Patch	
E. Wilson Griffin (Vote for 1)	

A motion was made and seconded by Messrs. Keeler and Guinther that the report contained in Review and Outlook magazine be accepted. Carried.

A report was then made by Mr. Guinther as a representative of the Session on a proposed change in the nominating committee for church officers. The proposal is as follows:

"It is recommended that the Nominating Committee to be selected at the Annual Meeting be enlarged to include three Elders, three Trustees, three Deacons and one each from the Philathea, Guild and Missionary Society, the last three to be named by the President of each organization, the first named Elder to be Chairman. The Session approves this recommendation."

A motion was made to accept this report and adopt the recommendation. Carried.

The question of having dessert and coffee at the beginning of the meeting or at the end of the meeting was brought up. There were pros and cons, but no final decision was reached. The meeting was then returned to Mr. Van Liew. He proceeded to accept the nominations from the Session, Trustees and Deacons to serve on the new Nominating Committee for next year's offices. The Elders nominated were:

J. S. Fleming, Chairman
H. E. Morrill
Gordon Shingleton

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The nominations for Deacons were:

Neil Johnson
K. Burr McGhee
Mrs. Floyd Williams

The nominations for Trustees were:

Lloyd Bovier
Fred Van Liew
Mrs. James Linn

A motion was made, seconded and passed to have the secretary cast one ballot to constitute the election of the above. Mr. Berryhill then announced that the Ordination and Installation of church officers would occur on February 7.

The results of the elections were announced as follows:

FOR ELDERS

For 3 years

Keith Demmon
Albert E. Habgood
Russell M. Look
James Lumsden
John M. Youel

For 2 years

Edward A. Montgomery

FOR DEACONS

For 3 years

Marshall E. Baker
John A. Brunn
Tibor Gall
Mrs. Robert Donovan

For 2 years

Mrs. Robert Wilson

For 1 Year

E. Wilson Griffin

FOR TRUSTEES

For 3 years

Dr. McCarter Brown
Elton B. Hall
Eugene G. Nutting
Mrs. Fred E. Matthews

For 2 years

Richard O'Brien

Mr. Donald Clayton made a motion to congratulate the people who labored so faithfully in making up the Review and Outlook magazine. Carried.

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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING COMNINUED

As a result of a misunderstanding in the balloting for Elders, the meeting had to be closed and returned to the Moderator. The misunderstanding was made public to all present and it was agreed that the interpretation of the committee of tellers was the wish of the congregation. This was passed by the congregation.

The meeting was then returned to the President, Mr. Van Liew and adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

John B. Edwards, Temporary
Clerk of Session.

*REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE
NEED FOR AN ADVISORY FINANCIAL GROUP

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At the Congregational Meeting of October 21, 1953, Mr. Fred Van Liew, president of the Board of Trustees, recommended that a committee be appointed to study the need for an Advisory Financial Group within the Church organization. This recommendation was adopted by the meeting, and the following Committee was appointed, representing the Session, the Trustees and the Congregation:

Mr. E. R. Broden
Mr. H. P. Brown
Mr. E. B. Hall

Mr. F. T. Keeler
Mr. J. G. Marshall
Mr. H. E. Morrill

The Committee was requested to study the recommendation made by Mr. Van Liew and report at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on January 25, 1954.

The Committee met with Mr. C. C. Berryhill on December 16, 1953 and reviewed its assignment. The report of the Committee follows:

- 1- The church is faced with the following conditions, all of which are pertinent to, and have a bearing on, its financial position and operation.
 - a) The age of the present church building and the condition of its physical plant are such as to indicate the requirement of major expenditures for maintenance and repair in the not-too-distant future.
 - b) Since the church is growing in the number of people and organizations it serves, plans should be made towards the improvement of church facilities to accomodate its larger congregation.
 - c) The number of large, individual donors to religious and civic projects has been decreasing year by year, and this trend is expected to continue.
 - d) The annual expenditures of the church, following a general appttern, have risen steadily over the last few years.
 - e) Since the expected future economic pattern of the country and of Niagara Falls is subject to fluctuation, it does not appear feasible to plan on increasing church expenditures year after year without close reference to those economic conditions which affect fund raising.
- 2- There are specific areas in which planned study and action should be undertaken now in order to prepare the church to meet the above conditions in as healthy a condition as possible. Some of them are:-

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- a) Establish a centralized budget control for all church expenditures regardless of the area in which they occur.
- b) Establish a priority on the major maintenance and repair expenditures required for the future.
- c) Establish a method of accruing funds annually to meet these expenditures when they arise.
- d) Analyze the present investment of church funds for possible improvement in return on these investments.
- e) Encourage giving to the church through wills and endowments.

3- In order to meet these conditions, the Committee recommends that:

- a) A Financial Advisory Group be established within the church.
- b) This Group should be small, numbering not more than six persons, and should represent the Session, the Trustees and the Congregation. Membership should be established on a rotation basis.
- c) This Group should be responsible for planning the overall financial welfare of the church from the raising of funds through their expenditure.
- d) This Group should counsel on the income to be expected and the manner in which this income should be spent within a given period.
- e) This Group should coordinate all of the church budgets and audit the planned expenditures in the light of the expected ability to carry them out.

Respectfully submitted to the Annual Meeting of the congregation on January 25, 1954.

E. R. Broden
H.P. Brown
E. B. Hall
F. T. Keeler
J. G. Marshall
H. E. Morrill

REPORT OF PLANNING CONFERENCE

January 25, 1954

Last year the congregation gave approval to provide a wall and plantings at the front of the church. This has now been completed with the exception that the fence is to receive a coat of paint next spring.

It is the recommendation of the committee in looking toward the future that the First Presbyterian Church should write a letter to the directors of the YMCA indicating that the church is aware that the YMCA may abandon their property on First Street at some future date. If the shift in the location of the YMCA takes place, we would like to express our interest in the property. We would suggest that the YMCA Board of Directors keep this in mind so that at the proper time suitable overtures could be made. It should be understood that this letter will not be binding on either party in any way.

There has been considerable interest expressed towards revising the chancel and the arrangement in the front of the church. It is our suggestion that the Board of Trustees ask the official church architect to inspect our premises and make general suggestions as to what might be done to increase the choir loft and rearrange the chancel. We have in mind around \$ 300.00 as the possible expense for these recommendations.

Yours very truly,

Committee:

Mrs. Robert Nicol
Mr. John M. Youel
Mr. Alpheus R. Phelps
Mr. Elton B. Hall
Rev. C. C. Berryhill
Mr. Harold Reagan
Mr. Keith Demmon, Chairman.